



SHORT CUTS



State to probe de-icing Mighty Mac

LANSING – Perhaps the building trades will one day have a hand in installing an ice mitigation system – whatever it might be – on the Mackinac Bridge.

If that happens, the first step is determining what might be done about stopping ice from falling from the Mighty Mac's 552-foot-tall towers and cables. Toward that end, the Michigan House last month adopted a budget that sets aside \$600,000 to study ice mitigation.

The research money would be directed to Michigan Technological University in Houghton.

Kim Nowack, director of the Mackinac Bridge Authority, told lawmakers and the news service MIRS that the agency has tracked 44 bridge closures since 1995. But she said 12 of them happened over last winter.

Freezing rain that coats the bridge's cables and towers thaws and then ice falls on the road deck below, imperiling motorists.

Nowack told lawmakers and MIRS that the Mackinac Bridge Authority has explored multiple options – including mechanical ice removal, heating systems and ice-resistant coatings – but none have proven practical for a structure as large and complex as the five-mile-long span.

On its website, the MBA last month addressed why the most obvious solution is likely impractical:

"Why doesn't the Authority install heat cables to the surfaces that ice up, or run a current through the bridge's metal structure to prevent ice from forming?"

The Mackinac Bridge Authority's answer: "Some type of heating system could be possible but running a current through the bridge could result in corrosion of some bridge components, and heat cables would be costly to install and maintain. Other methods, such as devices that 'patrol' cables to prevent ice from forming, are being tried on other bridges, but would be difficult to retrofit to a bridge like the Mighty Mac."

"So far, the authority has not found a cost-effective and practical solution relative to the infrequent, short-term closures resulting from falling ice, nor one that wouldn't potentially damage the bridge. Icing is a problem for cable bridges around the world in climates like ours and no one has developed a practical solution to this infrequent but annoying problem."

The authority said the longest closure to date was 30 hours, April 2-3, 2025. The average closure has lasted about five hours and 41 minutes.

Selfridge locks in \$1.4B in upgrades

LANSING – A new mission for Selfridge Air National Guard base, and new work for the building trades, is now a lock with the state Legislature's approval last week of \$152 million for a new runway project at the site.

The state appropriation unlocks \$792 million in federal military construction funding for the base in Macomb County's Harrison Twp. The money will prepare the base for hosting two new aircraft platforms, the F-15 EX fighter jets and KC-46 tankers.

The future of Selfridge, which was founded in 1917, had been up in the air since the Air Force announced the retirement of the A-10 fighters it hosted.

Quotable

"We all have such a finite time to leave the world better than we found it."
—Dave Kellett (1974-)



THE JAMES SCOTT MEMORIAL FOUNTAIN is shown in working order in its picturesque setting on the southwest edge of Detroit's Belle Isle, in 2023. The fountain began spouting water in 1925, and was constructed thanks to a gift to the city by James Scott, a wildly unpopular citizen who made the ballsy move of stipulating in his will that the site include a statue of himself, which is visible at the top of the steps. In need of significant work, the fountain is currently undergoing a \$5 million renovation, led by The Christman Co.

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Majestic Scott Fountain gets makeover, inside and out

By Marty Mulcahy
Editor

DETROIT – The James Scott Memorial Fountain is a remarkable public art monument that has graced Belle Isle in Detroit since its dolphins, turtles and other sculptures first started spewing water in 1925.

But it has also consistently needed a lot of work, with electric controls, plumbing,

masonry and foundations all more or less exposed to whatever weather elements Michigan's four seasons have thrown at it over the past 101 years.

Enter The Christman Co., a group of their subcontractors and union trades, who were hired last year by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to repair, restore and address the many needs of the fountain as part of an

18-month, \$5 million project.

"Overall with this project there's a significant amount of restoration that needs to be done with the stone work and structural issues – we had to replace quite a bit more than we anticipated due to decay," said Christman Project Supt. Manuel Martinez. "We've come across some of these issues as we have

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TEMPORARILY ABSENT its main marble basin, the James Scott Memorial Fountain's supporting structure is getting some much-needed improvements during the ongoing renovation project. Here Joe Hubbert and Tommy Burditt apply hot tar to waterproof a portion of the substructure. The Roofers and Waterproofer Local 149 members are employed by Schreiber Roofing.

U.S. construction momentum sheds first-quarter blues

The Dodge Momentum Index for U.S. Construction increased 6.2 percent in April, the first monthly increase of the year from one of the major forecasters of the industry.

After a downward revise for the small increase in March's momentum numbers – and a combined 13 percent drop in the January-February index – the DMI rose 6.2 percent in April.

"After three months of slowing momentum, nonresidential planning began to find its footing in April," said Sarah Martin, director of economic research at Dodge Construction Network.

"Data centers remain the largest driver behind growth in the Dodge Momentum Index, but several other sectors appeared to stabilize over the month. Macroeconomic risks remain weighted

to the downside, with labor shortages, higher material costs and supply chain disruptions weighing on owner confidence in the near-term."

Year-over-year, the DMI was up 14.1 percent when compared to April 2025. The commercial segment was up 37.2 percent (but only rose +5.8 percent when data centers are removed) and the

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Building input costs rise, led by energy and metals

The producer price index for inputs to new nonresidential construction rose 1.7 percent in April and 6.6 percent compared to April 2025, according to an analysis by the Associated General Contractors of America of government data released May 13.

"Construction input costs continue to rise much faster

than contractors' bid prices, particularly for energy-intensive and metals-related materials," said Macrina Wilkins, director of market insights for the Associated General Contractors of America.

"That gap is making it increasingly difficult for contractors to accurately price projects and raising the risk of delays, rede-

signs, and deferred construction activity if cost volatility persists.

Not surprisingly, with the nationwide pain-at-the-pump continuing since the Strait of Hormuz has been essentially shut down, energy-related inputs posted the steepest increases in April. Diesel fuel prices climbed 13.6 percent in April alone and

Appeal to an audience of one:

ABC issues survey to push Trump to deep-six PLAs

By Marty Mulcahy
Editor

The Associated Builders and Contractors on May 6 released the results of an unusual survey it commissioned with the Harris Group, seemingly to remind President Trump about who in the U.S. construction industry has buttered his political bread.

"Across measures of party alignment, candidate support and policy preferences, merit shop (nonunion) workers in the trades consistently align more closely with the GOP than their union counterparts," was the concluding takeaway of the poll by the national ABC, which is the leading construction industry trade association for nonunion contractors.

The results of the poll would come as no surprise to anyone who remotely follows the U.S. construction industry: while Trump earned significant union building trades worker support in his three presidential runs, polling has shown more of his backers came from nonunion workers.

The ABC, however, seems to think that fact has been lost on Trump, and it's no stretch to surmise that they paid for this poll to appeal to him and him alone: "Midterm wake-up call for Trump: Study shows nonunion construction workers built the GOP coalition," says the ABC's headline in releasing the poll.

Viewpoint

With this poll, however, context is everything.

The ABC released the poll two weeks and a day after a U.S. Court of Appeals ruling was issued which upheld a Biden-era mandate that union-friendly project labor agreements be employed on federally funded construction projects exceeding \$35 million. Trump – surprisingly – supported the rule, which irritated the ABC and led to its legal case before the appeals court. The ruling effectively shuts ABC contractors out of about \$800 billion in annual federal construction contracts.

Harris said its survey "reports on the data from 4,800 online interviews among the general public who are registered voters" in six political swing states, including Michigan. The survey was conducted prior to the last presidential election, Sept. 30-Oct. 6, but the results were released on May 6. Harris said there was an "oversample" of skilled trades workers in those six states.

According to the ABC's analysis of the survey:

•Open shop support for Trump exceeded union support across all six swing states.

•In Arizona, Georgia and North Carolina, nonunion workers supported Trump at a rate 19

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Industry's focus on lowering drug-related deaths is paying off

By Ryan Papariello
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While unintentional workplace overdose deaths involving drugs or alcohol have surged by 460 percent since 2011, recent figures show encouraging signs of progress. Among construction workers aged 16–64, drug-related overdose deaths fell by 28.8 percent between 2023 and 2024, dropping from 15,900 to 11,300.

This substantial decline suggests that targeted interventions are successfully reaching those in need.

"The recent drop in overdose fatalities demonstrates that purposeful action can lead to significant transformation in our industry," said Laborers International Union General President and Health and Safety Fund Labor Co-Chairman Brent Booker. "To continue this progress, we need continued investment in mental

health support, stronger leadership involvement and a jobsite culture that values mental health as much as physical safety."

Why are these rates dropping?

Recent improvements are not accidental; they are the result of coordinated, sustained efforts across the industry. Construction trade unions, associations, alliances and research organizations have worked collaboratively to better understand the root causes of substance use and mental health challenges and to implement practical solutions. Key contributions to these rates decreasing include:

•Expanding education and training on substance use and dependency.

•Increased availability of Naloxone (Narcan) on construction jobsites and in public.

•Reduced stigma surrounding substance use and mental health disorders.

•Greater access to treatment, recovery programs and peer support networks.

•Stronger integration of health and wellness programs into workplace safety culture.

These combined efforts are important because they show that change is possible when the industry works together. By focusing on awareness, early

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Students, industry benefit from Local 169 contest

By Marty Mulcahy, Editor

ALLEN PARK – Two great things that go great together – motivated, high school career and technical educational students, and a union that's always looking to recruit the next generation of skilled young men and women – came together on May 1 at the 21st Annual Boilermakers Local 169 High School Welding Invitational.

The day-long event attracted 42 career and technical education students attending 14 high schools and intermediate school districts from around the Lower Peninsula. The contest exposes the students to a professional working environment with experts in the field, and allows them to display their skills and consider future employment in the trade – and maybe take home the contest's top prize.

"You have a great opportunity, all day, to ask us anything about what we do and how we do it," Local 169 Business Manager Mike Card told the group. "Maybe this is some place you will look to for a career. We're here to help. So relax, enjoy yourselves, and when you leave hopefully you will have a better idea of what a boilermaker does."

Local 169 union personnel, journeymen, retirees who come back to the union hall/training center help, and industry representatives all pitch in that day to set up

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BOILERMAKERS Local 169 Business Manager Mike Card talks to High School Welding Invitational contest participants at their union hall/training center on May 1.

Viewpoints



The case for building data centers

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As some of you already know, demand for electricity is rising at an unprecedented rate! I'm old enough to remember the introduction of new technology like Technicolor (so TV shows could be viewed in color rather than black and white), cordless tools, and the introduction of microwave ovens as kitchen appliances.

New electrical contraptions simply increase the demand for our existing power grid. Today's new appliances are more efficient but there are many more choices for consumers. Cell phones, Cloud based storage, AI, EV's and data centers all increase the load on our utility grid. I have even seen refrigerators with a built-in TV.

I drove to work today using Google Maps. My pay was deposited electronically this week. I can see the stock market in real time. If you have done this or streamed a movie, listened to a podcast, played an online video game or paid a bill with your phone you are using a data center. I don't remember the last time I had to go into a bank! We have Facetime and wrist watches that you can use to have a phone conversation. The sci-fi of days past is a reality today.

We are at a critical juncture in our jurisdiction. Our primary focus here is to make sure our members have as many job choices as possible. We need diversified employment opportunities all over our area. We simply cannot rely on our existing customer base to support our growing membership. Savvy investment counselors always advise us to have a variety of investments...to never put all our eggs in one basket! Why should we be any different in how we approach our electrical market?

Electricity has made all our lives better! The demand for electricity is always trending higher. There are several projects in our jurisdiction that are addressing this increased demand. Wind turbines, solar fields, powerhouse upgrades and utility scale battery storage have been putting our members and the building trades to work for more than two decades!

I must say it disheartens me to hear so many union members speak out against data centers, solar or wind projects. We must understand there is ever-increasing use of cell phones, electric vehicles and new appliances. How can we expect electrical power usage to do anything other than continue to increase? We will have to share the cost of the increased upgrades to our utility grid... unless something else can pay for it.

Michigan already has 58 data centers located throughout the state. Michigan also has guardrails in place to make sure data centers do not pass the cost of grid expansion to consumers. I have been to township meetings where citizens are spewing disinformation and do not want to hear from anyone that may have valid points that may contradict what they believe.

It's difficult to get the villagers to put away the "pitchforks and torches." At one township meeting, a lady claimed that a data center would drain all our wells, make property values plummet, poison our air and make our electricity rates double. "If the data center were to catch fire, we'll all die of cancer!" she said.

The best way to combat misinformation is to provide our members with the truth. Please discuss the value brought to communities when data centers are allowed with the proper guardrails in place. Let your family, friends and neighbors know that robots are not building data centers.

It is people, thousands of people. I would encourage all of you to look up Michigan PA 207 of 2024 <https://share.google/1JlIHggOcpNB5GCR> This law has some key points:

- Data centers are required to use municipal water supplies to qualify for tax incentives. Data centers would need to run a closed loop cooling system that would use one million gallons of water annually. A smaller closed loop system is what keeps your car or truck engine from overheating. An 18-hole golf course would use between 100,000 to 400,000 gallons a day, during the summer! How many of you want to rally with the townspeople to eliminate the golf courses?
- It is illegal to increase residential utility rates to cover the cost of grid expansion for data centers. In other words, data centers must pay for grid expansion! We must expand the grid... so why wouldn't we let companies like Microsoft, Amazon, OpenAI or Stargate pay for this expansion?
- Data center owners have been building new town halls and fire departments for municipalities that have allowed them to build. At that same meeting where the lady claimed we're all going to die from cancer, the township board was debating if \$500 to cover the cost of replacing a broken window, was a fair price.
- Data centers must invest a minimum of \$250 million and create at least 30 new, permanent jobs paying at least 150 percent above the median rate for workers in the community that allows them to build or they will not qualify for tax incentives.
- Data centers would become the fifth largest property taxpayer in Michigan.

Whether you are for or against data centers, they are coming and they employ thousands of trades people during construction. They will be built... somewhere. The question is, do we want them in our jurisdiction? Do we want our members to have this opportunity?

Data centers need annual maintenance, keeping contractors and our members working. This certainly helps us diversify our electrical opportunities. We have an opportunity to let data centers pay for utility grid expansion. We can also lose this opportunity! The choice is ours. I apologize for asking you to use a data center, again, but look up Seth Meyers interview of Chris Hayes on May 6 on You Tube. Chris does a great job discussing the chaos and fear that revolutionary technology brings.

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STAFF AND CONTESTANTS collaborate May 1 in the Boilermakers Local 169 welding shop at the union's annual High School Welding Invitational.

Boilermakers 169 high school invitational

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the contest, welcome and check in participants, and then judge the welding practical application in the contest. The event has resulted in the placement of numerous students into the union over the past two decades.

"This event is an opportunity for these students to show their skills," said Ryan Willoughby, a superintendent with the Mid-American Group, a Local 169 contractor. "But you can also see its value in the number of people who have been placed here over the years. This event is a door-opener."

The contest is a combination of a welding skills exhibition and a written test.

Fraser High School welding instructor Austin Raska said this is the second straight year he has brought welders to participate in the event. "My group looks forward to coming here, and they train their butts off for this contest," Raska said outside of a welding booth. "This is what they're training for, to get their feet in the door of a potential career when they leave high school."

This was the sixth year Bay-Arenac School District welding instructor Garrett Wojcik has brought students to the contest. He said his students have also been exposed to union iron workers and pipe fitting shops. "These are opportunities for students to practice, and maybe get a feather in their cap if they win here at the boilermakers, or get accepted into the program," he said. "It seems like they snag a couple of students every year. It's also another opportunity for students to learn and get experience from different weld shops."

Zach Minnick, a Flat Rock High School senior, said he has participated in a few other welding competitions. "I've been liking this," he said as he waited for the weld on his plate test to be examined. "I enjoy these competitions. They may provide a path for me to get a job after high school."

Consumers Energy Senior Construction Manager Doug Wunder said the contest "is a chance for recruitment for the industry," with the experience "providing exposure to a potential career for the students. It gives them a chance to get some insight into the industry. For me I love to watch the kids, and see the level of talent they bring."

Congratulations to first place written test score winner Ethan Benedict, Airport HS (Carleton).

And congratulations to the combined written and weld scores exam winners:

1st place- Dominic Hesling, Wexford Missaukee Tech Center

2nd place- Cayden Delaney, Flat Rock High School

3rd place- Alijah Noble, Oakland Tech Center SW

Put the party back in politics

By Jim Hightower

Washington's Democratic Party establishment keeps demanding that progressive members tone down their criticism of billionaire oligarchs and corporate autocrats. Why?

Because the insiders want to rebrand the party as ideologically moderate. "Time to get serious," they bark.

Two things: First, on the ideology question, I'm with Woody Guthrie: "Right-wing, left-wing, chicken wing," he said. I think Woody meant that most workaday people don't put 10-cents worth of faith in doctrinaire promises of political ideologues. Rather, they're looking for honest answers to the old labor song: "which side are you on" – the bosses, bankers, and billionaires, or the rest of us?

Second, on the matter of seriousness, I find that both the Democratic Party and the larger progressive movement have gotten way too serious. They've become lost in their latest 21-point plan, email "outreach" strategies, hourly fundraising targets, zoom meet-ups, and other digitalized corporate metrics of how-to-manipulate politics.

But wait – what is "politics?" My dictionary says it's "The science and art of forming a community effort to seek and exercise power in public affairs."

Why would we try to make such a spirited, unifying, social pursuit into a rote, tedious, manipulative "game"? Instead, what if Democrats actually brought people together, not to recite pre-cut positions, but around community interests? And let's create events that people (especially newcomers) might want to go to – mix the politics and issues with a little food, beer, and wine, live music, and... well, fun.

When I first ran for office, my lifelong co-conspirator, Susan DeMarco, came up with the perfect expression for such politicking. She said, "Let's put the party back in politics!"

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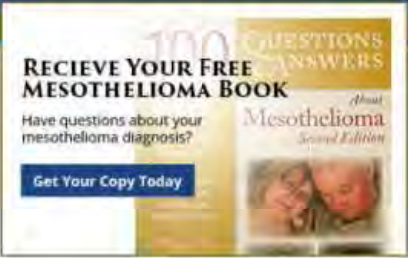
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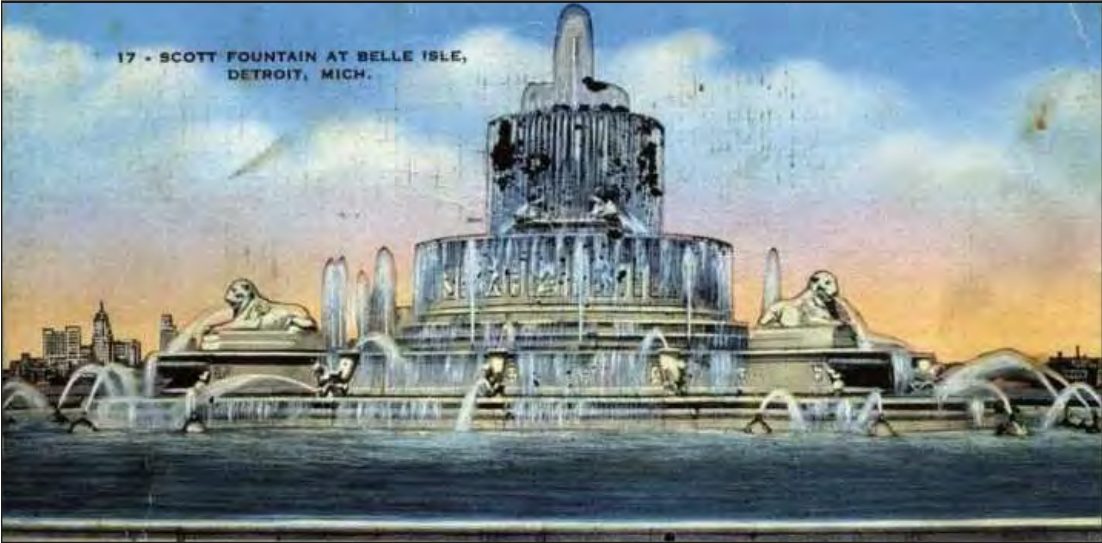
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The James Scott Memorial Fountain

HISTORY IN THE MAKING

By Marty Mulcahy



“DETROIT IS TO HAVE A FOUNTAIN that will rank among the world’s greatest and will probably be the costliest in the United States,” said the February 1922 edition of *American Builder* magazine. “Preliminary work is underway. James Scott, an obscure citizen, died in 1910 and left his entire estate to the city to build it.” The national competition to hire an architect for the fountain, the publication said, “was one of the largest every in the United States,” with 92 designs being submitted from around the nation.

1930 postcard image credit: Detroit Historical Society

What a weird, wonderful origin story for the James Scott Memorial Fountain.

An architectural icon at the southwest end of Belle Isle – the 101-year-old fountain is among the most unique public art monuments in the country. Clad in gleaming white marble, the fountain features sculpted lions, dolphins, turtles, humans and the head of Neptune – collectively spouting 150,000 gallons of water into its lowest basin that holds about 1.5 million gallons. That’s when it’s working. Currently closed to the public, it will be a working showpiece again by the end of the year when The Christman Co., its subcontractors and the building trades finish an ongoing extensive rehabilitation project.

While the fountain has been shut down numerous times and has required extensive maintenance over the years, the fact that it was built in the first place is the result of a legendary move by a rich scoundrel to make himself... legendary. The term “own” has been tossed about quite a bit these days, and James Scott got away with an “own” against the City of Detroit, reaching beyond his grave to make the city’s fathers an offer they ultimately couldn’t refuse.

That’s why we have a larger-than-life bronze statue of a seated Scott staring at an awesome fountain that would be the envy of any city planner. So...who is this guy who has his name permanently etched on statue next to a fountain he paid for that the city reluctantly accepted?

“Socialite James Scott (1831-1910) was said to have been lazy, eccentric, a prankster and a real rapsallion,” writes Dan Austin for *Historic Detroit*. “He had inherited his money from his father – a successful real estate tycoon – and spent his days, not working like the rest of his fellow Detroiters, but often gambling it away and being an all-around man about town. He also made shrewd real estate investments that only added to his fortune.”

In his *The Buildings of Detroit: A History*, William Hawkins Ferry writes that Scott ‘had the reputation for being a vindictive, scurrilous misanthrope... His enemies were legion, for he seemed to delight in feuds, lawsuits and practical jokes.”

Scott died as an heir-less bachelor in 1910. “Scott’s last will and testament,” says *Detroit 1701*, “devoted his fortune (about \$200,000) to the erection of a fountain on Belle Isle, but demanded that a life-size statue of himself be included. Some thought that his will was a mean-spirited practical joke, and many objected to building a monument to such a rogue.”

It took a few years for the ill feelings toward Scott to dissipate, but what resulted was worth the wait. Detroit was a growing, wealthy city that at the time was keenly interested in the “City Beautiful” movement to improve public spaces. And it became increasingly hard to justify not spending the gigantic gift to improve, and beautify, a portion of Belle Isle just because they didn’t like guy who put up the money.

When the green light even-



JAMES SCOTT was immortalized with a bronze statue in his own likeness – because he self-funded it, and paid for the nearby fountain. Scott was widely reviled. Department store owner J. L. Hudson said: “Mr. Scott never did anything for Detroit in his lifetime and he never had a thought that was good for the city.”

tually came from the city, executors of Scott’s will appointed four of the nation’s top architects to supervise a nationwide competition to select a designer for the fountain. They settled on Cass Gilbert, who also designed the main Detroit Public Library building and the U.S. Supreme Court building in Washington, D.C.

“As a result of a competition a design has been secured for the James Scott Memorial Fountain which is to be erected on Belle Isle, Detroit’s unique and beautiful pleasure park,” says a write-up in a 1914 edition of the *American Magazine of Art*, under the title “Art and Progress - A notable fountain for Detroit.”

“It is by Cass Gilbert of New York,” the article continued, “and provides for a great geyser which will throw a volume of water 90 feet high. This is surrounded by smaller jets which add to the beauty of the great column of water.” The national publication was kinder than local publications toward James Scott. It said only that his “generous bequest makes this magnificent work of art possible.” The bronze statue of Scott was modeled by sculptor Herbert Adams of New York.

Getting past the hangups about spending Scott’s gift and then settling on an architect was just the start of the process of building the fountain. Still fresh in city leaders’ minds was a failed effort – due to lack of funding – to build a 200th anniversary monument of the city’s founding on that southwest portion of Belle Isle in 1901.

“Many thought it was inappropriate to devote that same space on beautiful Belle Isle to a memorial for James Scott,” said *Detroit 1701*. “Scott’s estate kept appreciating as controversy raged. By the time building started, more than one \$1 million was available to add almost 1,000 yards to the west end of Belle Isle to accommodate the Scott Fountain.”

Construction of the fountain started 11 years after Scott’s death, and then took four years to open. “The long delays in starting work on the fountain were a matter of great concern to Gilbert,” wrote William A. Coles in

THE SCOTT Fountain is rife with funky marble statuary – including toddlers riding dolphins.

his book, *The History of America’s Greatest Fountain: The Scott Memorial Fountain on Belle Isle*. “There were many causes: disputes over jurisdiction and financial responsibilities, the cumbersome machinery of government, and surely, not least of all, the first World War was taking place.”

The city seemed to know it had a masterpiece in the making during the drawn-out building period. “With the completion of the grading about the fountain, which will provide a setting for the fountain and for landscape development,” said the 1922 city publication *Detroit Government: A Short Story of the Services Rendered*, “Detroit will have one of the most beautiful fountains in the world.”

The fountain was completed in 1923, but wasn’t unveiled until May 31, 1925, and cost \$500,000 to build (about \$9.3 million today). It is set on 40 acres of landfill with dirt and rock excavated from downtown building sites that was added to the west end of Belle Isle. Staring at the fountain and downtown Detroit is the statue of a seated Scott. Water from the fountain drains into a man-made lagoon.

“The fountain, executed from white marble, rises from a marble terrace in a series of basins,” says a write-up by the Cass Gilbert Society, admirers of the architect. “The basins are adorned with bas-relief panels. Sculpted lions, dolphins, and turtles, and the head of Neptune spout water. A life-sized bronze statue of Scott, set on a granite plinth, faces the fountain. Steps leading from the fountain terrace to the river evoke the design of Bethesda Terrace in New York’s Central Park.”

Nine pumps, ranging from 100 hp to 1/5 h.p. were originally installed under the fountain to push the water. The original electrical work, in a \$10,000 bid package, was handled by Donahue and Shoenbottom, which also installed 54 “light outlets.” John Bollin Co. managed the entire project, and as best we can tell, that included the plumbing.

“Leaving \$500,000 to beautify the city, but only if it erected a statue in his honor, was Scott’s final practical joke, a thumb in the eye of those who found him and his antics offensive,” wrote Jeff Morrison in his book, *Guardians of Detroit – Architectural Sculpture in the Motor City*. “Scott finally had his last laugh, to the joy of generations of Detroiters.”



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points higher than union workers.

•In Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, nonunion workers supported Trump at a rate 7 points higher than union workers.

•The survey said 69 percent of nonunion skilled trades workers supported Trump, compared to 57 percent support among union trades.

“Nonunion construction workers not only supported President Trump at a significantly higher rate than union workers in 2024, but they also vastly outnumber union workers in the battleground states that will determine control of Congress next year,” said ABC President and CEO Michael Bellaman. “Despite this political reality, the Trump Administration continues to support the controversial project labor agreement mandate that President Joe Biden established

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intervention and support, we can all help workers get the help they need before problems become more serious.

The Laborers Health and Safety Fund of North America has played a critical role in advancing these efforts. Through initiatives such as Laborers Escaping Adversity Now (LEAN LIUNA) and Blueprint for Balance (B4B), LIUNA members are provided with tools and resources to support both physical and mental well-being on and off the job-site. Additionally, collaboration with industry alliances, associations and roundtables ensures that best practices are continuously shared and improved upon.

The role of chronic pain. A critical component of maintaining this progress is recognizing the construction worker’s dual burden of physical and psychological stress; chronic pain is found at the root of both. While it’s well-established that construction workers experience psychological stress due to job insecurity, demanding hours, workplace bullying and high production pressures, there is also a powerful link between physical injury and mental health. Chronic pain can contribute to elevated levels of stress, anxiety and depression.

Sometimes, experiencing (or even witnessing) serious injuries can also cause long-term psychological issues, such as post-traumatic stress disorder.

Chronic pain is also one of the primary drivers behind the use of prescription pain medications in construction. The pressure to work through the pain and avoid lost wages often pushes workers toward quick pain relief solutions that carry long-term risks, such as addiction or dependence.

Research shows that workers diagnosed with musculoskeletal disorders (MSDs) are more than four times more likely to develop an opioid use disorder than those who started opioids for other diagnoses. A strong focus on injury prevention plays a crucial role in continuing to reduce the overdose death rate in construction.

The LHSFNA researches and promotes strategies to reduce musculoskeletal injuries, such as improving work environments, better task planning and the using innovative technologies such as exoskeletons. These devices are designed to reduce strain during repetitive or physically demanding tasks, which can help minimize fatigue and lower the risk of injury over time. Additionally, the fund researches and promotes non-drug approaches to managing pain like chiropractic care, acupuncture and yoga.

Moving forward. Reducing the physical strain of construction work can lower the need for pain medications and help address one cause of substance use. Even though construction is still a high-risk industry, the recent drop in overdose and suicide rates shows that progress is possible. To keep improving, the industry must continue focusing on safety, health education, mental health support and preventing injuries.

via executive order.

“The PLA mandate tells nonunion construction workers they are unworthy of participating in federally funded projects, which risks alienating a workforce that forms a critical part of the GOP’s electoral base, particularly in swing states where nonunion workers play an outsized role.”

•When asked whether the federal government should have the flexibility to select contractors based on best value for taxpayers, rather than union affiliation, 83 percent of nonunion construction workers agreed or strongly agreed, and 73 percent of union construction workers agreed or strongly agreed.

•The ABC chose not to highlight the survey question, “project labor agreements unfairly punish nonunion contractors just because they aren’t unionized.” The survey found that 64 percent of union workers agreed or strongly agreed with that statement. Among nonunion respondents, 78 percent agreed or strongly agreed – but that means, tellingly, that 22 percent of open shop workers did not agree that PLAs punish their own employers.

Maybe they’re on to something? Maybe there is also a basic flaw in the survey, which seems to assume that the opinions of nonunion workers are in lockstep with their companies’ non-union owners. That’s akin to mistakenly assuming that union workers are in political agreement with union leaders or their companies’ owners.

The ABC has probably never seen a PLA that it liked: such agreements, which are widely used in private industries and

Building input costs rise, led by energy and metals

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a sharp 41.0 percent monthly increase from March to April.

Metals prices also continued to increase sharply. Aluminum mill shapes prices were up 37.3 percent compared to April 2025, while copper and brass mill shapes increased 20.9 percent over the year. Fabricated structural metal bar joists and rebar increased 13.6 percent year over year, while steel mill products prices climbed 13.3 percent over the same period.

There were more moderate percentage changes from April 2024 to April 2025 among other construction inputs. Construction machinery and equipment prices increased 4.0 percent year over year. Lumber and plywood rose 2.1 percent. Cement declined 0.1 percent, and gypsum building materials declined 1.5 percent.

“Construction input prices surged again in April,” said ABC Chief Economist Anirban Basu. “Input prices have now risen more during the first four months of 2026 (6.2 percent) than over the prior three years (4.8 percent).”

U.S. construction momentum sheds blues

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institutional segment was up 28.8 percent over the same period.

The DMI is a monthly measure based on the three-month moving value of nonresidential building projects going into planning, shown to lead construction spending for nonresidential buildings by a full year to 18 months.

among state and local governments, usually require the hiring of construction contractors whose workers are paid collectively bargained wages, who have passed Department of Labor-approved apprenticeship programs, who have taken part in training and safety programs, and who may agree to undergo drug and alcohol testing.

Utilizing any or all of those employment conditions can make good business sense for the project owner or governing agency, as PLAs can help assure ready availability of a skilled, fairly compensated workforce, with no strikes or lockouts, and a verifiably trained workforce.

If ABC contractors were more willing to do all that, then they would be more apt to bid on PLA projects. Instead, they file lawsuits seeking to cancel PLAs.

The ABC’s efforts in filing lawsuits and undertaking an odd survey to try to force the elimination of construction PLAs isn’t part of an effective business plan for its contractors – it is simply not giving the customer what he or she wants.

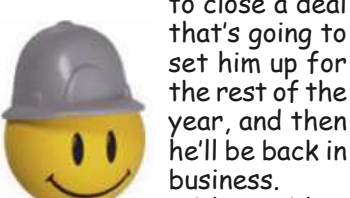
Perhaps a more effective plan would be to take the high road, and properly train construction staff, hire local workers for local projects, avoid cheaper 1099 hires, pay a prevailing wage and pension, and offer good health care insurance.

Learning how to improve the living standards of their workforce would be a value-add for ABC contractors looking to improve their competitiveness. Perhaps they could develop a new employee survey to help them do that.

While much of the recent rise can be traced to soaring oil prices, escalation was widespread in April, with tariff-affected materials like iron and steel posting particularly large price increases.”

Just joking

Frank is a salesman who has had a bad streak of luck. He hasn’t closed a sale in months. He’s about to lose his car, his home, maybe his wife. Today he’s about



to close a deal that’s going to set him up for the rest of the year, and then he’ll be back in business.

The problem is, it’s 9:55

a.m., and the meeting to close the deal is at 10, and he can’t find a parking spot.

Frank drives around and around, but no spots open up. He prays to God, “Please, I need a parking spot! I’ll tell you what, God, if you let me find a parking spot, I will go to church again! I will stop lying! I will stop drinking! I will stop gambling!”

At that very moment a car pulls out of a spot right in front of him, next to the door where he has the meeting. Frank smiles, looks up and says, “oh never mind God, I found one!”

I saw a pigeon open his mouth, but I didn’t hear a sound. I realized I just witnessed a failed coo attempt.

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ANN ARBOR – THE NEXT UNION MEETING: is scheduled for Monday, June 8 at 6:00 p.m. at 7920 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor, MI. All members are urged to attend and take an active part in the proceedings.

UNION HALL CLOSING AT NOON FOR AN UPCOMING HOLIDAY: Our office will be closed Friday, July 3 to observe Independence Day.

SCHOLARSHIPS: Local 190 Scholarship is now available at the union hall for distribution to members and their families. There are two scholarships available. One from Local 190, due back no later than June 26, emailed applications will NOT be accepted, please mail or return to the union hall. The UA scholarship is now available at the union hall for distribution, this application must be postmarked no later than June 11 and mailed to the UA Office in Annapolis, MD.

52nd ANNUAL GOLF OUTING: Our annual golf outing will be held on Saturday, July 25. Our event will be held at *Whitmore Lake Golf Links*. Mark your calendar for this special event. Tickets are available to purchase at the union hall. *Check or cash payments only, no credit card payments.* If you have any questions please contact Karen, (734) 424-0962 Ext. 210.

PAY UNION DUES ONLINE: Members can now pay your union dues online. <https://mtp.ua190.org/mtpweb> Username will be your full social security no., temporary password is the last four digits of your social security no. There is a 3% fee charged. Feel free to call the hall for a QR CODE.

IMPORTANT REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS - WHO GET LAID OFF OR REPORT BACK TO WORK: *please immediately contact Karen (734) 424-0962 Ext. #210. Please report the last day in which you worked. When calling to report back to work please let Karen know the contactor and the date you reported back to work.*

NOTE: All Members can now go to the website under “members only” and fill out a “back to work” form or “laid off” form.

FUSING CLASS: Anyone interested in registering for the fusing class, please contact Business Agent Pat Duffy at (734) 368-4423, Business Agent Roy Musgrove 734-646-8838 or Ralph Booth at (734) 369-1432.

E-MAIL ADDRESS: Please contact the union hall 734-424-0962 to make sure we have a current e-mail address.

MICHIGAN LICENSE RENEWAL: Plumbing license renewals are done online **ONLY!** For detailed instructions and requirements, please visit: www.michigan.gov/bcc. Feel free to stop into the Union Hall and pick up a copy of the instructions. The link is now on the website in the “Members Only” section under “Helpful Member Forms”

ANNUAL PHYSICALS 2026: Annual physicals need to be completed by Oct. 31, 2026. Please remember to bring in the 2026 Annual Physical Verification Form and email the completed form to Bernadette Maus bmaus@ua190.org. This form is on our Local 190 website UA190.org and also the Benefits website UA190benefits.org, go to documents, health care, 2026 annual physical verification form (towards the bottom of the page)

NEW BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD APP FOR YOUR SMART DEVICE: you can download the free Blue Cross Blue Shield APP on your smart device. This will allow you to see a copy of your BCBS card, review your claims, explanation benefits and much more. *Download: BCBSM*

Bernadette Maus will be available by phone Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or in person Mondays and Wednesdays at Local 190’s office from 7:30 a.m. until Noon and 1-4:30 p.m. Contact her directly at (888) 390-7473 to schedule an appointment.

MEDICARE: When you

become eligible for Medicare, please contact Bernadette Maus at our Fringe Benefit office 1-888-390-7473.

The Training Center is open to members wishing to update any certifications, licenses, or qualifications. Office hours of operation are Monday through Thursday 8am. to 5 pm. Friday 8am. to 4 pm. We will be closed for lunch from noon to 1pm. Please give Kristyn a call with any questions regarding certifications and training schedules or visit us on UA190.org members only section under training to register for classes online.

Please submit all continuities, certifications and licenses to the Training Center, so we can keep your profiles up to date. Email: kristyn@190jtc.com or mail to 8040 Jackson Rd. Ann Arbor, MI. 48103

Available Journeyman classes:

Lead/Asbestos/Blood-borne Pathogens Training (4 hrs): Please register through the website: ua190.org/2026Schedule – Mondays – July 20 and Sept. 28. Each class will start at 5 pm.

First Aid/CPR Training (4 hrs): Please register through the website: ua190.org/2026Schedule – Mondays – July 27 and Oct. 5. Each class will start at 5 pm.

Welding Fundamentals (40 hrs): This class is designed for apprentices & journeymen who have little to no welding experience and want to learn the basic fundamentals of SMAW (Stick), and GTAW (TIG) welding. This course will cover welding procedures (WPS), UA certifications (UA-21, UA-22, UA-41), basic metallurgy, weld process selection, machine setup, welding symbols, welding positions, welding electrodes and consumables, weld preparation, shielding gasses, and welder safety. Participants will receive training on the Lincoln Virtual welding machine (VR), before heading into the welding lab. Call the Training Center to secure your spot, dates to be announced later.

ASSE Backflow Certification (40hrs): This is a 40-hour class, to become an ASSE Certified Backflow Tester (5110). 2026 Schedule: The second course starts Sept 8. Courses run on Tuesdays and Thursday for 5 weeks and are limited to 8 participants. Call the Training Center to secure your spot or register through the website: ua190.org *Must have a current State of Michigan Plumbing License to certify with ASSE.*

ASSE Backflow Re-Certification (8hrs): ASSE PRICE INCREASE ASSE has increased the retesting fee to \$85 for this recertification. Re-certification for the ASSE Backflow Tester (5110). 2026 Schedule: The third course starts Oct 13. Courses are on Tue and Wed and start at 5 pm. Each course is limited to 8. Call the Training Center to sign up for one of these courses or register through the website: ua190.org *Must have a current State of Michigan Plumbing License to certify with ASSE.*

Med Gas Installer and Brazier Certification (40hrs): This is a 40-hour class to be Med Gas certified. Must have a minimum of 4 years, documented experience in the plumbing and/or piping industry. 2026 Schedule: The second course starts Sept. 1. Courses will run for 5 weeks, Tue and Thur. These courses are limited to 16 participants. Call the Training Center to sign up for one of these courses or register through the website: ua190.org

Med Gas Installer Up-Dated (8hrs): This is a two-day course. 2026 Schedule: Second course starts Oct. 6. Courses will be on Tue and Thu and are limited to 24 participants, per course. Call the Training Center to be put on the list for the next class or register through the website: ua190.org

ASSE 12010 ICRA Certification for Infection Control and Risk Assessment for Construction Workers (16hrs): This is a four-day course. 2026 schedule: course to be announced later.

EPRI Rigging and Sign- (Continued next column)



Plumbers, Pipe Fitters & HVAC Service
Local 111

UA Local 111

UPPER PENINSULA - UNION MEETING: The next Union Meeting will be held in Marquette on Thursday, June 25 at 7:30 PM. All members are encouraged to attend.

IN MEMORIAM: Our sincere condolences go to the family and friends of Brother Clark Torma, who passed away on May 16, 2026.

ONLINE REFERRAL PROGRAM will go into effect on June 1, 2026. The user guide, along with mobile app and desktop login instructions, are available on the website at lu111.com. If you have any questions, please contact Business Agent/Dispatcher Scott Pendergraft.

REFERRAL RULES UPDATE: Due to recent referral rules change, text messages from the Local are now more important than ever. If you are not receiving texts, call the hall to update your information.

WORK OPPORTUNITIES: Members interested in 1-day shutdowns should contact Business Agent/Dispatcher Scott Pendergraft in the Escanaba Office. Call the Escanaba or Marquette Office for updates: Layoff Line – Extension #7; Job Line – Extension #8.

MRA FUND: The IRS requires substantiation for all MRA debit card transactions. Many members have received request letters from Zenith American Solutions. It is YOUR responsibility to submit the requested documentation promptly. Failure to respond will result in suspension of your card until documentation is received. You can review transactions and upload documentation through the Zenith Portal or App. For assistance, call 1-866-823-4730, ext. 1.

NEW MEMBER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: Beginning Dec. 1, 2025, our Health & Welfare Plan will partner with Ulliance to offer the Life Advisor Member Assistance Program (MAP). This confidential, no-cost benefit is available to members and covered dependents and provides 24/7 support for personal and work-related challenges, including stress, anxiety, depression, relationship concerns, substance abuse, eldercare or childcare referrals, and financial or legal guidance. Services include short-term counseling, coaching, crisis intervention, and community resources. To access (Continued next column)

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nal Person Re-certification (8hrs): This rigging re-certification will now include the EPRI Signal person certification. Course to be announced later. Please register through the website: ua190.org

Michigan 2021 Plumbing Code Class (48 hrs.): Journeyman members who are registered with the State of Michigan as Apprentice Plumbers with a minimum of 3 years and 6000 hours of documented work experience under a Master Plumber, can register for the Michigan 2021 Plumbing Code Class. This class will prepare members for the written code and practical sections of the State of Michigan Plumbing Test. Please contact the Training Center to reserve your spot. Dates will be announced when the class roster is full. Members must meet all the requirements to sign up.

RETIREE MEETINGS – PLEASE JOIN US: The next Spades meeting will start at 9 a.m. on Thursday, June 4 at the Union Hall. Come and join us for card games, pastries, and coffee.

NOTIFICATIONS FOR THE BUILDING TRADESMAN PAPER: Please contact Karen Spearin at the union hall, (734) 424-0962 Ext #210, if you would like to put a special notification in the paper.



Plumbers,
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Local 370 and HVAC Service

UA Local 370

FLINT – The next Membership Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 16, 2026. Please note the change to the 3rd Tuesday of the month due to the State Pipe Trades Convention. This will be a refreshment meeting.

Scholarship Applications for the 2026-2027 school year are now available on our website at ualocal370.org. The applicant must be a son or daughter of a member in good standing of UA Local 370. Complete lists of qualifications and applications are also available at Local 370 hall.

Applications are due by the end of May.

Retiree Breakfast will be on Monday, June 16th at 9:00 am.

The Ulliance Member Assistance Program is now available to all members and retirees as of March 1. This benefit includes free and confidential mental health counseling, coaching, and 24/7 crisis support. In addition, there are free 30-minute consultations on legal and financial matters. There is a great discount program for goods and services as well as free identity theft protection. To find out more, go to lifeadvisor.com or call 800-448-8326.

Upcoming Night Class Schedule:

STAR HVACR Prep Class Test on May 14th

All classes and test days can be signed up with the Training Center at 810-720-5243 Ext 15 or at training@ualocal370.org

2021 Plumbing Code Books now available. Cost is \$85. Check, money order or Credit Card.

Per our By-Laws Article XV, The Building Tradesman is

hereby adopted and subscribed to as our Labor paper for all members of local 370. Said paper to be used for all official notification of membership.

Committee and Board meetings are as follows:

Examining Board – Tuesday, June 16th, 2026 at 4:00pm

FMR Committee – Tuesday June 16th, 2026 at 4:00pm

PAC committee – Tuesday, June 16th, 2026 at 5:00pm

Executive Board – Tuesday, June 16th, 2026 at 5:00pm

Building Committee – Tuesday, June 16th, 2026 at 6:00pm

Finance Committee -Tuesday, June 16th, 2026 at 6:15pm

JATC Committee – TBD

ALL GM Worksites and others require Must Safety and Drug Testing: MUST safety modules are only valid for 4 years. Call the hall to sign up for the MUSTBSAFE.com website and complete all 18 safety modules. Members will not be eligible to work at any job site requiring them until all 18 modules are complete and are current on their drug test. If your drug test is expired, you must take one before you can be dispatched to any GM work. Drug tests are only valid for 1 year. Call The hall and we will print you a drug test authorization form

Local 370 office hours 7:30am – 4:30pm.

Sub/Sick checks will be processed 8:00am – 11:30 am and 1:30pm – 4:15pm daily.

Attendance award drawing for membership meeting information. Members present must have dues paid to date to claim award. The monthly award is \$150.

Attention All Active Members in Good Standing. The Joint Apprentice and Training Committee voted to reimburse any active member of Local 370 that takes and passes any training, testing or certification that may be required to perform their work. This includes Rigging, Med-Gas, Back flow or any work-related training or certification expense. Members will be reimbursed after successful completion and verification of the cost. Lost wages will not be covered by the JATC. Plumbing license renewal is still the responsibility of the member. If you have any questions, please contact local 370 JATC.

Mobile App. Our mobile app, is now available for download on your cell phone. Go to the app store and search UA Local 370. Download the app and sign in. You can read the latest Building Trades article, see upcoming meeting dates, or pay your dues. This is a work in progress, and we will add more content to the site as we move forward.

Our web site is up and running. Check it out at ualocal370.org

We are now able to accept Visa, Master Card, Discover and American Express for window dues. If you want to take advantage of this service there will be a \$1.00 per month charge added to the monthly window dues fee and a 3% fee for all other transactions. Remember to keep your dues current. Any member failing to pay for 3 months shall stand suspended, unable to vote for a period of 1 year or run for office for a period of 2 years and subject to a \$50.00 reinstatement fee. Dues must be paid in 3-month increments according to our by-laws. Dues will be accepted up to 6:45 on union meeting nights.

Members wishing to take the U.A. welding certification test can contact the Training Center for application and testing dates.

Local 370 ball caps and winter fleece caps are available at the union offices. Ball caps \$10 and fleece caps \$5. Pocket Tee shirts are available for \$10 dollars each. Hooded sweat shirts and long sleeve pocket tee shirts are available. The sweat shirts are \$30 and the long sleeve tee shirts are \$15. Golf polo and golf wind shirts are available for \$25.

If you shop on the internet, SHOP UNION MADE, log on to www.shopunionmade.com.

T.I.C. fringe administrators’ toll free no. is 1-888-797-5862.



Plumbers,
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Local 357

UA Local 357

KALAMAZOO - UNION MEETING: The next Union Meeting has been changed and will be on Tuesday, June 16 at 6:30 pm. Other meetings that day will be the Finance Committee at 4:30 and the Executive Board at 6:00.

WAGE ALLOCATION: The Raise Allocation will be voted on at the Union Meeting on Tuesday, June 16. If you wish to submit a wage proposal you will need to have it in to the Hall by Friday, June 10.

UA LOCAL 357 JATC PROGRAM CO-ORDINATOR: The UA Local JATC program is seeking a 44-hour full time Co-ordinator. Qualifications for this position include experience in every part of the trade, particularly running job sites along with basic computer skills and project management. The position will be fulltime 44 hours a week at the Local 357 Foreman wage with the Local 357 benefits package to include UA Officers Pension, two weeks paid vacation and two weeks paid upgrade training. Please upload your resume by May 27, 2026, to www.ualocal357.com. This link will be on the home page. All qualified applicants will be notified, after the date above, of requirements along with the date and time of their interview.

UPCOMING UNION EVENTS: Sportsman Alliance Dinner – Friday - July 10 (Limited Seats still available) – RSVP ASAP.

Growlers Baseball Game – Saturday, July 11 – A Postcard with all the details was sent – RSVP by July 4th.

Annual Picnic – Saturday - July 18, 2026 – A Postcard with all the details was sent – RSVP by July 4th.

Golf Outing – Saturday - Sept. 12, 2026 – Details to follow at a later date.

You can call Lori at (269) 679-3708 for details on any of the events.

UNION DUES REMINDERS: Phone call reminders to pay your dues will not be made. Cash is accepted at the Union Hall for any payments. You also have the option to pay your union dues through the Local 357 website @ www.ualocal357.com. Note that you must add a 4% fee for using this site.... so, if you are paying a month of dues at \$34.00... you need to pay \$35.36. Other ways to pay include sending a check, stopping by the Union Hall, dropping off a payment in the drop box outside the front door or calling Lori at (269) 679-3708 and paying with a credit card.

RETIREE MEETING: Retiree lunch meetings will now be BREAKFAST on the 1st Monday of every month. Breakfast will commence at 9 am at The Crew located at 5200 Portage Rd, Portage, MI. The phone number for the location is (269) 337-9800.

CHANGE OF STATUS: If you have a change of status for example: married, divorced, re-married, birth, death, workers comp, address change, etc., please call Lori at the Union Hall. It is very important that we keep all our records up to date and you only have 30 days from the date of the event to make the change.

There also seems to be a continuing problem regarding notification of divorces. Note that you, the member, will be responsible for any bills incurred and paid on claims of an ex-spouse or dependents. (See Pages 6 and 27 in the Summary Plan Description Booklet for clarification).

CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations to Christian Stinson and family on the birth of a daughter, Genevieve.

Congratulations to Sam Botton and family on the birth of a son, Grayson.

CONDOLENCES: Condolences to the family of life member, Ralph Brand, who passed away recently.



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Local 636

Pipe Fitters, Steam Fitters,
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UA Local 636

DETROIT – Our next Regular Meeting is also a Special-Called meeting to vote on a dues money change on Tuesday June 16, 2026 at St. George Romanian Cultural Center 18405 W. Nine Mile Rd. (Southfield Service Drive) Southfield, MI 48075.

ATTENTION!!! The August regular meeting will be on August 25th due to the UA National Convention.

The Third Annual Local 636 Scholarship Golf Outing will be held Saturday June 6, 2026, at Mystic Creek Golf Course in Milford. To reserve a foursome, contact Jake Regits 248-939-6636 or Dan Gurley 248-939-5636. All proceeds benefit the Detroit Pipefitters Benevolent Fund.

The 2026 Rotary International Day Parade will be held July 15 at 6:30 pm in downtown Port Huron. We need a few apprentices to volunteer. If you are interested in walking with us this year, please contact Business Agent Brandon Spaulding (248) 939-2636 for more details. There will be a truck available this year for anyone unable to walk.

PIPEFITTERS LOCAL 636 ONLINE MERCHANTISE STORE IS LIVE! Sign into the members section on our website www.pipefitters636.org and click the link.

REMINDER: Please open all correspondence with the Local Union, BeneSys, and Insurance Providers you receive in the mail.

Following is a list of recent Retirees who have passed their tools and knowledge to the next generation. We thank them for their time in the field advancing our trade and the Brother/Sisterhood they continue to show in our local. **Congratulations on your retirement!**

March 2026 – Edward Bollen

April 2026 – Anthony Kleinsorge, Mark Petzke, and Mark Solomon.

Deceased Members – 44 Year Member Cindy Saunders May 15, 2026

Get Well Wishes to; Rebecca Blair, Michael Ferrante, Robert Goodwin, Michael Kovak III, Raymond Kuhowski Jr, John Lilly, Anthony Lumetta, Roger Pruitt, Carlton Stewart, David Stone, John Zemmer, Jeremel Ducharme.

DUES – 2nd Quarter Dues are due now. Please call the Local to update your email and phone numbers. As a reminder AUTO PAY is available.

The Ulliance Member Assistance Program is available to all members and retirees. This benefit includes free and confidential mental health counseling, coaching, and 24/7 crisis support. In addition, there are free 30-minute consultations for legal and financial matters. There is a great discount for goods and services as well as free identity theft protection. To find out more, go to lifeadvisor.com or call 800-448-8326.

988 crisis help line. The UA and the MCAA have made a joint investment to spread awareness on the way we approach mental health and suicide prevention. With the implementation of the Department of Health and Human Services 988 Lifeline, new resources are now available. When people call or text 988, they will be connected to trained counselors who will listen, understand how their problems are affecting them, provide support, and connect them to resources.

636 Retiree Association! The next meeting will be held June 21, 2026.

Informing all retirees and their significant others to attend our meetings at the Local Union Office in Farmington Hills, every

third Thursday of every month at 11 am, excluding December. The meetings present speakers which are very helpful with regard to your retirement and officers are there to answer any questions, you are also brought up to date on the activities of Local 636. Lunch is served for \$7.00 with refreshments and desserts. Also, we have begun day trips and at this time two a year to different sites in Southeastern Michigan. Hope to see you at a retirees meeting. *Secretary Michael N. Sylvester*

SUBPAY – NEWS. Participants should continue to send all applications and weekly proof to the SUB Fund office for review and processing by emailing subpay@pipefitters636.org.

For direct deposit information, please contact the Union Hall or BeneSys.

BeneSys has set up a dedicated phone line for Pipefitters 636 needs and questions, when calling BeneSys, please call **888-646-8920**.

Financial Advisor Jason May with Merrill Lynch Wealth Management has a **new contact number 248-540-2091** or email him at jason.may@ml.com

Defined Contribution Pension Plan. The number for the Voice response unit is **877-410-9984**. Plan provider number is 7526. You can login to your Defined Contribution account on the Local's Website, while logged in as a member Just click on the "Defined Contribution login here tab" and it will take you to the website www.accountplanaccess.net/benesys. Your initial login information is as follows: Username – Social Security number, without the dashes. Password – Full birth date, without the slashes, (mmddyyyy). You will be prompted to update your username and password after initial login. Upon login, the site will take you to the "My Dashboard" page. Here you will be able to review a snapshot of your account balance, investments, and recent transactional activity.

Considering Retirement? Any member may meet at the office during business hours with Jake Regits, Financial Secretary-Treasurer, to begin the process. Jake can be reached at ext. 5, to schedule an appointment so that he can get all of your paperwork in order, or if you prefer, contact our Members Phone Line 888-646-8920 at BeneSys for your retirement paperwork.

Please allow a 60–90-day notice that is necessary to adequately process the requests for paperwork, getting the forms sent to the participant, the member completing it and returning it to the Fund Office for final processing.

Are you "Work Ready"? Have any of your safety modules expired? Is your Drug Test current? Check your report card at mustbsafe.org and if it is time for renewal call the Training Center 248-585-0636 and they will register you. Be "ready" when the calls come in. Safety modules and drug tests are paid for by the Contractors Association.

WHEN YOU STAY CURRENT WITH YOUR SAFETY MODULES, DRUG TEST AND FIRST AID, from January 1 – December 31 you will be eligible for your ready to work payment.

Training Center News. Regular NIGHT WELDING: Monday and Thursday nights from 4pm till 8pm.

Certified BRAZING CLASS: Monday and Thursday Nights 4 till 8.

****We will accept applications for CONSTRUCTION Apprentices on May 25, 2026 thru June 6, 2026. ONLINE ONLY @ www.pipefitters636tc.org**



SETTING UP THE HARDWARE for the HVAC heating pump in the mechanical room at the Belle Isle Aquarium in Detroit is Justin Peters of Pipe Fitters Local 636. He's employed by Watson Brothers.



Plumbers Local 98



UA Local 98

DETROIT - Membership of Plumbers Local 98.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS: Thank you to all the members who attended our May allocations meeting and voted. The proposed wage allocation passed successfully by a vote of 97 to 11. If you believe your pay is incorrect or if you have any questions on allocations, please contact one of the officers.

PLEASE NOTE: Our next regular monthly union meeting will be held on Thursday, JUNE 18, 2026 at 6:00pm.

The next board meeting is Thursday, June 4, 2026 at 4:30pm prior to the regular monthly meeting. The Executive Board meetings are *generally* held the first Thursday of the month at 4:30pm and before all Union Meetings.

Marathon Health: Our first two Marathon Health Clinics (Sterling Heights & Novi) are now open. For more information, please see their website at my.marathon.health or call 866-434-3255. Participants enrolled in the Fund's Medicare Advantage program are unable to utilize Marathon Health. Contact an officer with any questions.

Retiree Dental: We are proud to announce we've been able to add Dental coverage for our retirees. Information has been mailed to members and retirees. For questions, please contact BeneSys.

Retiree Luncheon: The next retiree luncheon is **Wednesday, June 10, 2026 at Noon** at the PLUMBERS LOCAL 98 hall. Please contact Dave Schroeder or Dominic Fanto if you have any questions, or call the hall.

Annual Summer Picnic will be **Saturday, June 20, 2026** Noon to 4pm at Lake St. Clair Metropark. Harrison Township (formerly known as Metro Beach Metropark), Boardwalk Picnic Shelter. Games, prizes, bike raffle, etc. Burgers, hot dogs, chips and soft drinks provided. Flyer is needed for complimentary entry. Please download a flyer from our webpage or stop by the hall to pick one up. Any questions please call Business Agent Jimmy Cools.

Attention 98 Softball players: Any Local 98 member interested in playing on the Local 98 Softball Team please contact Jeremy Pitts (586) 405-9425. The 47th UA National Softball Tournament is June 26-28, 20026 in Cincinnati, Ohio.

UA Scholarship deadline is

June 11, 2026 for the 2026/2027 academic year. More info can be found at the following website: ualocal98.org/tapped in or <https://uascholarshipfund.communityforce.com> Scroll down to 2026 United Association Scholarship to view details.

Local 98 Scholarship Committee will be awarding scholarships to the children of Local 98 members and accepting Detroit Plumbers CARES Scholarship applications for the 2026/2027 academic year. You can find the requirements and application itself in Resource Tab at ualocal98.org or call the hall for more information. **Application deadline is June 29, 2026.**

Detroit Plumbers CARES 2026 Scholarship Golf Outing will be held at Mystic Creek Golf Course in Milford on **Saturday, Aug. 1, 2026.** 9am shotgun start. Call the hall or email us at golfouting@ualocal98.org to sign up your teams and for sponsorship opportunities. *Please be sure to sign up soon as spots are limited!*

The Ulliance Member Assistance Program is available to all members, retirees, spouses/domestic partners and dependents through the age of 26. This benefit has no out-of-pocket costs and includes confidential mental health counseling, coaching, and 24/7 crisis support. In addition, there are free 30-minute consultations for legal and financial matters, a discount program for goods and services, and free identity theft protection. To find out more, go to lifeadvisor.com or call 800-448-8326.

Pipe Up is the official podcast of the UA General President. The program offers monthly stories, skills and a look into the lives of our membership. Access the podcast at ua.org/pipeup.

In Memoriam: Let us remember our family, friends, brothers and sisters who have recently passed: Brother James O'Neal, he was initiated on 7-14-1966 and was a 58-year member.

Membership Dues Reminder: Friendly reminder to stay up-to-date on your membership dues to avoid suspension fees and/or being expelled. If you have not paid your second quarter dues yet, please pay them as soon as possible to avoid interruption to your benefits.

SUB Apps/Out of Work List. SUB You have 48 hours to report being out of work and to fill out a SUB App whether you qualify for SUB or not. It is your responsibility to check your location on the Out of Work List. *We*

have a dedicated email to send your unemployment certifications and/or backup documents to receive SUB pay. Please email correspondence to: sub@ualocal98.org by Thursdays at 3:00pm to ensure ample time to process the payments. Make sure your contact information is up to date, as well as MUST and other certifications. If you have any problems with state agencies involving unemployment, or questions on MUST models and staying current, please contact Rufus Hamilton.

Benefits. We have dedicated BeneSys employees at the Union Hall to help with the following issues: Health Insurance, HRA, SUB, Short Term Disability, Eligibility, and Claims. In order for them to best track all issues **PLEASE CALL BENESYS at (248)641-4988 or (866)646-8919.** If they are on the other line, please leave a message and they will get back to you promptly.

We are currently looking for Industrial, Residential and Service Plumbers. If you know anyone working Non-Union, have them call us.

Applications are now being accepted for our apprenticeship program. Learn more at www.plumbers98TC.org/apprenticeship. Additional information can be found at www.ualocal98.org, Facebook and Instagram.

CONTACT INFORMATION: Hall Operating Hours 8am to 4pm

Gary Glaser, Business Manager (313) 580-0148 gglaser98@ualocal98.org

Dan Nixon, FST (248) 752-3702 dnixon98@ualocal98.org
Rufus Hamilton, Business Agent (313)542-2758 rhamilton98@ualocal98.org

Jim Cools, Business Agent (248)762-9221 jcools@ualocal98.org

Paul Smith, Business Agent (313)938-2477 psmith@ualocal98.org

Jeff Kavalier, Business Agent (313)938-1554 jkavalier@ualocal98.org

Luke Garcia, Organizer (248) 763-2187 lgarcia@uanet.org

In solidarity, Gary Glaser, Business Manager Plumbers Local 98! Protecting the health of Metro Detroit since 1893.

TRAINING CENTER NEWS. Phone # 248-585-1435 www.Plumbers98tc.org

The Apprenticeship Application process is currently open. The application deadline for the **(Continued next column)**

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next class is Friday, July 10th, 2026. Applications are submitted online only. Go to our website and read all requirements for the application process. The Training Center is open for normal business 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Please call the Training Center at 248-585-1435 if you have any questions.

Monthly Code Class – Next class is **pending**. This is **not** a code update class. Open to any member looking to have discussions about the interpretation of the Michigan Plumbing Code. Great refresher for anyone wanting to take a state plumbing exam. **Please call** Paul Baker at the Training Center at 248-585-1435 ext. 123 **to register**.

If you are a member that has the practical portion of the state test scheduled for Aug. 4, 2026, we have two available evenings to come in and practice for it, Wednesday July 22, and Wednesday July 29. *Call* the Training Center if you are interested in attending either of these sessions, or both. You will be required to bring all your supplies as you would for going to the actual test.

CALL THE TRAINING CENTER TO REGISTER FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CLASSES OFFERED IN FALL 2026. All classes are register and pre-pay by check or money order only. All Fall classes will begin the week of Sept. 14, with a deadline to register by Aug. 28.

ASSE Backflow Tester Recertification: *Please be sure to check your expiration date, it is now required that you complete your update class prior to your expiration. This class is offered quarterly.* \$100

4 hour recert class July 21 & 22 Deadline is June 19

4 hour recert class Oct. 20 & 21 Deadline is Sept. 25

ASSE Backflow Tester (Full 40 hour): \$200

ASSE Repairer: * Prerequisite: Must hold a current 5110 Tester Certification** \$100

ICRA and Water Quality: * Prerequisite: Must Have OSHA 10 or 30 -** \$200

Medical Gas Installer (Full 40 hour): \$200

Hydronic Heating and Cooling: \$100

Steam Fundamentals for the Repair Plumber: \$100

CAD/BIM: \$100

****2026 brazing and welding sessions will be scheduled on the 1st Saturday of the month.** If your brazing or welding certs are ready to expire, call to schedule an appointment. The next **Welding and Brazing sessions** will be June 6, 2026. ****You must call to schedule your brazing OR welding tests at least 3 days prior to the test.** Please note: All members must be dressed appropriately to be in the shop area.

OPEN WELDING – Open welding is available on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Please call Chris Opalka 248-585-1435 ext.146 for any welding related inquiries and to check on booth availability. For those that can't find time to get in during the weekdays, open welding will be available on the first Saturday of the month, call to get a booth.

OSHA Training - OSHA 10 (\$59), and OSHA 30 (\$159) available as an online class at www.careersafeonline.com. These OSHA classes are not affiliated with the UA or our Training Center. OSHA 10 and 30 Hour Training is also offered online through the MUST website. Go to www.mustonline.org. Be sure to take the Construction Safety courses; not the General Industry courses.

It is each member's individual responsibility to keep all their Certifications current.

"Hollywood is a place where people from Iowa mistake each other for stars."

–Fred Allen (1894 - 1956)

"If the world should blow itself up, the last audible voice would be that of an expert saying it can't be done."

–Peter Ustinov (1921 - 2004)

"In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends."

–Martin Luther King Jr. (1929 - 1968)

"It is impossible to enjoy idling thoroughly unless one has plenty of work to do."

–Jerome K. Jerome (1859 - 1927)

"Live in the sunshine, swim the sea, drink the wild air."

– Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803 - 1882)

"Happiness often sneaks in through a door you didn't know you left open."

–John Barrymore (1882 - 1942)



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UA Local 85
SAGINAW – The next Union Meeting will be held 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 24, 2026 at the Union Hall, 3535 Bay Rd.

The next Zone 2 Union Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 3, 2026, at the Grayling Eagles Lodge, 602 Huron St., Grayling, MI 49738.

Contact Information:
Justin Pomerville, Business Manager (989) 799-5261 x 8513 jpomerville@ualocal85.org

Tim Danielak, Business Agent (989) 799-5261 x 8514 tdanielak@ualocal85.org
Clint Steele, Business Agent (231) 499-7330 csteeler@ualocal85.org

Andre Alexander, Business Agent (989) 799-5261 x 8515 aalexander@ualocal85.org

Bobby Anderson, Organizer (989) 799-5261 x 8512 rjanderson@ualocal85.org

Kristin Tuthill, Office Professional (989) 799-5261 x 8511 ktuthill@ualocal85.org

Please check the ualocal85.org or our Facebook page for the most up-to-date information.

The new website is up and running. Please check out www.ualocal85.org. Click on Local 85 Members to access members only information. Login information is username: first initial with full last name. Password is 00 with your UA Card No. If you have difficulties logging in, please call Kristin, (989) 799-5261 ext. 8511.

Social Media: Like us on Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, @UALocal85. Facebook has our Members Only page for updates at UA Local 85 Members Group.

JATC News: Work continues to be very busy, please keep a close eye on the website for upcoming classes. We need to continue to be trained and certified for many of these upcoming projects. If there is a specific class you need, please reach out to Training Coordinator Robert Mead at (989) 799-5261 ext. 8519.

GOD BLESS ORGANIZED LABOR AND THE LABOR MOVEMENT!

SUB Fund: Print Unemployment Payment History located underneath the Certification Tab when logged into your MiWAM account. Deadline for submittals is Noon on Thursday in order to receive a check that Friday. Checks will be mailed out on Friday. No in person pickups allowed. If a holiday falls on a Friday, checks will be issued on Thursday and deadline will be moved up to Wednesday by noon.

Where to submit documents: Address: UA Local Union 85 SUB, 3535 Bay Road, Saginaw, MI 48603 Fax: (989) 791-3468 Email: SUB@ualocal85.org

SUB Application for Benefits: Must be on file in order to receive SUB Check. Available at the Hall.

90 Day Rule: The weeks you are claiming must be submitted within 90 days of the first Monday following the week in which you are eligible to receive a State benefit per the Plan Documents.

Taxes: There are no taxes taken out of SUB Fund Checks, however they are taxable wages and you will receive a W-2 at the end of the year. If you want taxes withheld from your SUB Fund Check, please indicate the dollar amount for Federal and State on each SUB submittal.

NOTE TO ALL MEMBERS: Address & Phone Update: Please call the Union Hall to update any address or phone number changes. (989) 799-5261.

Beneficiary Cards: Please call the Union Hall for any changes in beneficiary information at (989) 799-5261.

Website Address: Please visit www.ualocal85.org.

Insurance: When you are working out of another Local's jurisdiction, it may take up to 90 days for your Insurance and Pension to be reciprocated back to Local 85, which may cause problems with your Health Insurance. ALWAYS SAVE YOUR CHECKSTUBS and fax them in to the hall at 989-791-3468 with the local you are working out of indicated. We will fax them down to BeneSys to keep your insurance up to date.

THE NEXT RETIREE (Continued next column)



Local 174 Plumbers, Pipe Fitters & Service Trades

UA Local 174
COOPERSVILLE – MEMBERSHIP MEETING: The monthly membership meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 2, 2026 at 7:00pm in our Assembly Hall at 1008 O'Malley Dr in Coopersville. **This will be a Special Called meeting for the purpose of wage allocation.** The front office will remain open until 6:55pm.

ATTENTION: This paper is to serve as the official notice to the membership.

Retiree Breakfast: will be held Thursday, June 4 at 9am at New Beginnings Restaurant in Coopersville.

Volunteers needed - Family Picnic: This year's Local 174 family picnic will be held on Saturday, July 18 at Heritage Landing in Muskegon from 11 AM – 4 PM. Volunteers will be needed at the picnic for stations as well as set-up and take-down. Please call Therese at the office if you can volunteer. Thank you!

Dave Reynolds Memorial Golf Outing: Saturday, Aug. 1, at The Falls at Barber Creek with an 8:30am Shotgun start. This is a 4-person scramble, \$80 per person, \$320 per team. Each team must have 2 UA members on the team. Please contact Therese at the front office to sign up. Space is limited to the first 30 teams to sign up and pay. Money must be paid no later than July 24.

Operation United: Thank you to everyone who volunteered for the 2026 Operation United event supporting West Michigan veterans. Because of your generosity, hard work, and dedication, we were able to help 32 veterans with projects aimed at improving the safety, accessibility, and upkeep of their homes.

We had more than 70 Union members volunteer their time that day, and over 400 volunteers participate overall. From yard work and cleanup to repairs, deliveries, and organizing materials, every person played an important role in making this event a success.

This event is a great example of what solidarity and community service truly look like. Our Union members continue to step up to support those who served our country, and we could not be prouder of the impact made together.

As we begin planning for next year's event, we are currently working to identify veteran union members in need of assistance with yard work and minor exterior home projects next spring. If you know a veteran union member who could benefit from help, please reach out so we can begin building our project list for 2027.

Union Strong Phone App: If you have not downloaded our app and would like to, reach out to the front office for the link or QR code.

Plumbing Law Changes: Starting March 20, 2025, anyone performing plumbing work in Michigan must either be registered and in good standing with the State as a plumbing apprentice or hold a current journeyman or master plumbing license. The new legislation also establishes a ratio of one journeyman for every two apprentices, with significant penalties, including steep fines and the suspension or revocation of a plumbing contractor's license for non-compliance.

This is excellent news for our industry and presents a great opportunity to expand our market share in West Michigan. Make sure that your license or apprentice registration is up to date with the State. If your license has expired or you need to register as an apprentice, you must contact the State Licensing Division at 517-241-9316.

Contract Ratification: At the special called meeting on July 1st, the members voted to accept the bargaining committee's recommendation and ratify the new three-year collective bargaining agreement. The new agreement is as follows:

1st year \$4.20/ 2nd year

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LUNCHEON: will be held on Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at 12 Noon at UA Local 85 Administration Office, at 3535 Bay Rd. Saginaw, MI 48603. We ask if you are able, please bring a dish to pass.

Faternally,
Justin M. Pomerville
Business Manager/Financial Secretary, Local Union 85

\$3.30/ 3rd year \$3.30
\$10.80 over 3 years.
Language changes:

Section 13.2 - reduces the number from issuing orders from 4 to 2 to receive foremen pay.

Section 10.2 - Health care will be on hours paid not hours worked.

The contractors will now be administering the ESTA benefit.

Organizing Update: *Brothers and sisters, if you come from a nonunion company, I challenge you to reach out to your former worker and see how they're doing. How have things changed since you left? It's not meant to be a recruiting tactic... it's simply to see how they're doing and continuing the relationship that you built. Eventually, we hope that they're working alongside us as members getting the wages, benefits, and opportunities they deserve!*

Better wages, benefits, insurance you don't have to pay for, and a defined pension - the message is clear; all workers deserve a UNION! Work safe, Johnny Ortiz: (616) 307-8551.

Hiring Rule Reminder: As per section 5.8 of the CBA, the 50/50 hiring provision applies only to jobs working under the Local CBA. Any national agreement jobs calling for manpower are not eligible for the 50/50 provision.

Contact Information: If you need to change or verify your contact information, PLEASE CONTACT THE UNION OFFICE as soon as possible so we can keep our system up to date.

FRINGE PLAN THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR: (SOLXSYS). West Michigan Plumbers, Fitters and Service Trades Local No. 174 Fringe Benefit Funds, 5600 New King St, Suite 330, Troy, MI 48098 (855) 407-5862 Toll Free

Health Insurance Contact Info: Active and NON-Medicare Retirees

Aetna: (855) 8784101
EAP: (888) 238-6232
Save-Rx: (800) 228-3108

Medicare Retirees:
Retiree First: (616) 345-0788
Current Health Insurance Premiums:
Active Member/Woring Retiree \$1,110.33
Non-working Pre-Medicare Retiree \$791.10
Medicare Single \$123.63
Medicare Couple \$247.26
Medicare with Pre-Medicare Spouse \$497.13
Medicare Surviving Spouse \$126.67

Retiree Dues: If you are retiring, it is the member's responsibility to inform the Union Hall on the final day of work in order to request a reduction in window dues at the Retiree Rate. Additionally, it is the member's responsibility to call Ext. 17 to notify dispatch of your retirement, providing your name, phone number, contractor name, and the date of your last day worked.

Autopay for Window Dues: As a result of the rising postage expenses and the significant number of members who have opted for autopay, we have made a change in the way receipts are delivered. Going forward, members will receive their proof of payment via email instead of traditional mail. If you are currently enrolled in autopay but do not have an email address on record and would like a receipt, please contact our office to update your information.

Dispatch: We have split up the dispatch responsibilities between the Business Agent and the Assistant Business Manager positions. Each person will be on dispatch for 2 weeks. There is a dispatch email of: dispatch@ua174.org which both offices have access to. The dispatch phone extension will switch between the two offices depending on who is on dispatch.

Jurisdiction: Remember to always call into the local you are traveling to. Please contact Ryan Bennett if you see another local's contractor or member working in our jurisdiction.

Helpers: Please remember that if you are working as a Helper, your raises are based on the day you were first dispatched to work at that classification. If you are not sure of your dispatch date, please contact the Union office. **It is up to you to let the Union office know that you are due for a raise.**

Labor Councils: - Kent Io (Continued next column)



UA Local 704

SOUTHFIELD – The next regular business meeting will be held Wednesday, June 17, at 5:30 P.M. at the Union Hall. The Executive Board will meet the same evening at 4:30 P.M.

As a reminder, your dues payment is due the last day of the month.

Please sign up for MDLive. There is no cost for you or your family to use this App. You will be able to download it from the Apple Store or Google Play.

Reminder: Article V, Section 13 of Local 704's Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order. Any project that falls into the jurisdiction of Local 704 shall be manned by not less than two members. Any member violating this By-Law shall be brought before the Executive Board for a trial and be subject to a fine.

It is the members' responsibility to notify the Union Hall when they return to work.

Phone numbers to remember: NASI is 1-800-638-2603 for information regarding Health and Welfare or Pension fund questions.

TIC International: 248-645-6550 for D.C. Fund distribution questions.

Jason May (Merrill Lynch): 248-540-2091 for D.C. Fund Investment questions.

A reminder to update any change of address or phone number changes with the Local Union Hall.

A speedy recovery for all our sick and injured members.



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nia - 3rd Wednesday of the month / 5:00pm / Contact Nathan for location

Lakeshore – 3rd Thursday of the month / CIO Hall 490 Western / 6pm

All members are encouraged to become active in our area Labor Councils. Please contact a Union Officer for details. *The Kent Ionia Labor Council has recently moved from the building on Benjamin and will be rotating meeting locations monthly.

Training News:
FIRST AID: First Aid/CPR/BBP class will be the second Thursday of the month (every month – unless otherwise noted), from 5:00pm-9:00pm. The next class will be held Thursday, June 11th, 2026.

PLUMBING TEST PREP CLASS: Scheduled to start on Thursday, July 9, 2026 @ 5:00pm. Class will run weekly on Thursday evenings and the dates are July 9, 16, 23, and August 6, 2026 @ 5-8 pm. In addition, a Masters prep class is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 13.

WELD TEST: Test Events will be the second week of every month. Capabilities will be Tuesday nights with weld tests on Thursday nights. In the event of a union meeting being that Tuesday, we will move capabilities to a Wednesday. Next capabilities will be Tuesday, June 9th, and the test to follow Thursday, June 11th at 5pm.

OPEN WELD: Available on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month; evenings beginning 4/15/26 at 5:00pm. Watch the Facebook 'Local Union 174 Members' group page for any updates.

WELDER CONTINUITY: If you have weld certifications and have submitted your continuity, your welder certification status cards are now being emailed instead of sent via USPS mail. If you have turned in your continuity but have NOT received an updated status card, please contact the Training Office to verify that we have your current email on file. Please contact Chris Phillips or Nicole Schumaker if you have questions. Call the Training Office @ (616) 837-0222 x16 (Chris) / Nicole @ (616) 837-0222 x30. Or via text Chris (906) 322-1592 / Nicole (231) 206-4213.



UA Local 333

LANSING – June's union meeting will be held June 17, 2026, at the Lansing Hall, 5405 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Lansing, MI. 48911 at 6:30pm.

July's union meeting will be held July 15, 2026, at the Lansing Hall, 5405 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Lansing, MI. 48911 at 6:30pm.

August's union meeting will be held Aug. 12, 2026, at the Lansing Hall, 5405 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Lansing, MI. 48911 at 6:30pm. **THIS IS THE 2ND WENDSDAY OF THE MONTH.**

ATTENTION MEMBERS: We have a new phone system, so when you call please listen carefully to the prompts as they have changed.

For members who have students going to college or trade schools, scholarship applications are now available by calling Joni at the Jackson office 517-784-1106 ext.4. Applications must be postmarked by June 25, 2026, or dropped off at the Jackson office by July 1, 2026.

DUES: Effective immediately we are no longer able to accept money orders as a dues payment.

A Retirees' golf outing will be held, June 24, 9 am shotgun. \$160 per team, \$40 per man/woman. Hole prizes (Long Drive, Closest to pin, longest putt). 1st and 2nd place prize. 18 holes w/ cart. (Doughnuts and coffee in AM. Hotdog, chips, pop at turn) Burr Oak Golf Club, 3491 N. Parma Rd., Parma, MI, 49269. Team sign up by June 15. Checks no later than June 22. Checks made out to Brandon Snyder and mailed to:

Local 333, Attn: Brandon Snyder, 3101 Allied Industrial Dr., Jackson, MI, 49201

Please remember to sign up before attending weld class. We have limited space, and only those who sign up will be allowed to attend class.

Weld classes are ongoing. Lansing Training Center, 16180 National Parkway, Lansing, MI. 48906.

Monday and Wednesday 4-8pm Tuesday and Thursday 4-8pm Jackson Training Center. 3101 Allied Industrial Dr. Jackson, MI. 49201

Tuesday and Thursday 4-8pm Monday and Wednesday - we will schedule a class if we have sufficient sign-up

Battle Creek Weld Class (KCC) RMTC, 405 Hill Brady Rd. Battle Creek, MI. 49037. Monday and Thursday 4-8pm

PLEASE NOTE FOR ALL CERTIFICATIONS: Per the UA as of January 1, 2019, all Braze and Weld certifications must be updated within 120 days of their expiration date, or you will lose your certification. Check the dates on your certifications and if they have expired call the Lansing Training Center 517-323-0333.

Even though the Training Center sends everyone's continuities to be renewed, between changes of addresses and the Post Office, there is plenty of room for error. It is the member's responsibility to make sure their certifications are current.

Please sign up for classes on the website or call the Lansing Training Center at 517.323.0333.

Battle Creek Retiree's Breakfasts are held on the fourth Thursday of every month at Lux Café. 2587 Capital Ave, Battle Creek, MI. at 9 am.

Retirees' Breakfast in Jackson: Retirees meet the third Tuesday of every month at 10:00am at the Alpha Coney Island at 1188 Jackson Crossing, Jackson, MI. **PLEASE NOTE:** The restaurant is located at the west end of the Jackson Crossing Shopping Center.

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UA Local 671

MONROE – The next union meeting will be held on June 18th, 2026, at 7pm. The Executive Board will also have a meeting on June 18th, 2026, at 5pm. If anyone would like to come in front of the E-Board, please contact the Union Hall. There will be food and beverages at the June meeting.

ATTENTION: This paper is to serve as official notice to the membership.

Also, please refer to our website https://www.unitedassociationlocal671.com/ and its calendar for the latest updates.

Due to the National Convention, the August meeting has been moved to the 4th Thursday in August (August 27th). We will send a push notification out in the App.

Condolences: Brother Marvin Fryer passed away on May-11th. He was a 69-year Life Member. He will be missed by all who knew him. Condolences to his family and Friends.

It is also with deep sadness that I inform you that Brother Curtis Stanifer passed away on May 21st. Curtis was a 24-year member and a friend to anyone he met. Curtis was son to retiree Randy Stanifer and Nephew to retiree Dick Guthrie. At the time of the article there has not been any arrangements. The family will have a celebration of life at a later date. My heart and prayers go out to Randy and Kathy and the rest of the family.

Health & Welfare: Just a reminder, If you use your MRA card to pay for dental or vision, make sure you inform Carly at the Union Hall so your MRA and be refunded from your dental and vision account.

Effective June 1st the hours required to qualify for Health insurance will go back to 145 hours per month. There will be a notice coming out in the coming weeks.

Retiree Luncheon: The next retiree luncheon will be Thursday June 25th at noon at the Union Hall. All luncheons are the last Thursday of the month. I hope to see you there.

Local 671 App: To keep up with the latest information, make sure you download Local 671 App. If you have questions or issues getting logged on contact Mike at the Union Hall.

In Closing: I hope you had a great Memorial Day. We have several Veterans in our Local Union, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them personally for their service and their membership in Local 671. We remember the ones that have fallen and celebrate the ones that are still with us. God Bless all Veterans and Local 671!

Mike Jewell: email: mike@ualocal671.com

Kirk Lavoy: email: kirk@ualocal671.com

Carly Neely: Insurance Line (734) 241-6180 email: carly@ualocal671.com

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or call 800-448-8326 or call your respective agent or Dustin at the Union Hall.

DO NOT opt out of health care coverage on your auto insurance. If you are injured in an auto accident our health care coverage will not cover you.

ATTENTION: WHEN YOU HAVE A LIFE CHANGE, MARRIAGE, DIVORCE, BIRTH OF A CHILD, CHANGE OF ADDRESS, OR PHONE NUMBER. PLEASE CONTACT YOUR REGIONAL OFFICE WITH THE UPDATED INFORMATION, REQUEST NEW BENEFICIARY PAPERWORK IF CHANGES NEED TO BE MADE.

"Have patience with all things, but chiefly have patience with yourself. Do not lose courage in considering your own imperfections but instantly set about remedying them - every day begin the task anew."

–Saint Francis de Sales (1567 - 1622)

"Wear the old coat and buy the new book."

–Austin Phelps



Local 80 Sheet Metal Workers

Sheet Metal Workers Local 80

SOUTHFIELD – This paper serves as official notice for all meetings and elections.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING: The next General Membership Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 26th at 5:30 pm. Meetings are held at the union hall, 17100 W. 12 Mile Rd. Southfield. The General Election will be held on this day. The polls are open from noon-8pm at the union hall.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING: The next executive board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 16th at 5:00 pm. Executive Board meetings are held at the Local 80 Hall, 17100 W. 12 Mile, 2nd Floor, Southfield.

CONTRACT & ALLOCATION VOTE NOTICE: On Wednesday, June 17, 2026 at 5:30pm members will be voting on the acceptance and the allocation of our contract. The meeting will be held at the Sheet Metal Workers Local 80 Union Hall located at 17100 W. 12 Mile Rd. Southfield, MI 48076.

ELECTION NOTICE: 2026 is a general election year. The Election will take place on Tuesday June 23, 2026 at the Local 80 Union Hall. You will be voting on the positions of Business Manager, Business Agents (4), Executive Board President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Executive Board Members (5), Warden, Conductor and Trustees (3). Poll hours are 12:00 noon until 8:00 pm. An official election notice has been mailed to the last known home address of each voting member.

UNION HALL REGULAR HOURS Monday through Friday 7:30 - 4:00, unless otherwise indicated.

RETIREE NEWS & MEETING SCHEDULE: 2026 Retiree Meetings: Monday June 15th, August 17th, October 19th (annual party) & December 21st. All membership meetings start at 12:30 pm, held at the Local 80 hall. Please enter the hall through the ramp entrance. Any questions regarding joining the Retirees Association please contact Steve Murzen at 248-652-0593. Retiree lapel pins with the SMWIA logo are available to all members of the Local 80 retirees' association. They will be available to all retiree association members at our general membership meetings. Please see the general membership-meeting schedule above.

BENESYS AT THE UNION HALL: Lashone will be in Monday - Thursday from 9-4pm. To schedule an appointment, please 248-813-9800 ext. 3250

THANK YOU TO MEMBERS WHO HAVE PAID THEIR DUES A YEAR IN ADVANCE: Anthony Orlando, Steven Rock, Neil Yagley, Caleb Sullivan, Richard Anderson, Katie Smith, Joseph Tarnacki, Robert Poole, Adam Mayne & Jeremy Molczan.

GOLF OUTING: Tickets are SOLD OUT. Please contact the hall to be added to the waitlist. Please join us on July 11th at Cracklewood Golf Club in Macomb Twp. Tickets can be reserved at a cost of \$125 a ticket. Your ticket will include coffee, donuts, a bloody mary bar, lunch at the turn, open bar up until 1 hour after golf, beer & pop available on the course and a wonderful steak dinner. Please contact the hall with any questions you may have or to reserve your ticket! Payment must be received to lock in your ticket, there is no holding tickets without payment.*

DUES PAYMENTS: are due prior to the 1st of the month. Books close at the end of business day on the last day of the month. Payments made on the 1st will be considered late. No exceptions - once the books are closed, they cannot be reopened. To help you stay on track, you will receive a text reminder before the end of the month. If you're not receiving these reminders, please contact the hall.

WORKING IN OTHER LOCALS: Please remember that if you are working in a jurisdiction outside of Local 80 you must call their union hall and check in as a traveler. It is the member's responsibility to do this, not the contractor's! If you have any questions please reach out to an agent.

BENEFICIARY REMINDER: Please ensure that you have designated or updated your beneficiary choices for all Local 80 and International Association benefits.

ADDRESS CHANGES: If you have a new address please make sure to let the hall know. We will take care of your account with the union hall, which includes the Tradesman paper. You will also need to call Benesys at 800-400-7710 to update for insurance and pension documents.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH and DISMEMBERMENT INSURANCE FROM OUR INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION: Members who have their dues paid in advance (prior to the month of the accident) are eligible for accidental death and dismemberment benefits up to \$7,500.00. This benefit comes as a dues paying member of SMART International.

WEEKEND WORK ASSIGNMENTS: must be reported by the steward by 3pm on Friday and signed forms returned on Monday to staff@smw80.org

LAY-OFFS: All members must report to the Union Hall immediately upon lay-off. You must be on the out-of-work list to collect S.U.B. or SASMI benefits. It is **the contractor's responsibility to issue a termination slip** in accordance with our contract.

OUT-OF-WORK LIST: Members must re-register bi-annually: March 1 through March 20 and Sept. 1 through Sept. 20. If you fail to re-register, you will be removed from the list. Your name will be removed from the list 14 days after receiving an assignment.

SUB Application Deadlines and Requirements:
Submit your SUB application within 7 days of your layoff to avoid forfeiting benefits.

Layoff slips must accompany your application to qualify for SUB benefits.

Send proof of UIA benefit payments within **21 days** of the payment date to receive SUB benefits.

Send your unemployment proof to smw80subfund@gmail.com or fax it to **248-557-0297**. To ensure payment by Friday, proof due by **2:00 PM on Tuesdays**.

Important: Do not submit your UIA proof directly to the fund office. For questions, call the hall at **248-557-7575**.

SHORT WORK WEEK SUB PAY: If you miss work due to weather, and you are not laid off, the company must provide written documentation confirming the loss of hours was weather-related. If you work 16 hours or less in a week, you may be eligible to collect SUB, but only if the hours worked are at the beginning or end of a layoff.

To apply:
• Complete the SUB application at the hall.
• Provide a pay stub for the week.
• The hall will submit your information to the fund office.
Make sure to follow these steps to ensure your eligibility.

MEMBERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: If you're facing challenges in your family, relationships, or dealing with stress, emotional difficulties, grief, or substance use, please reach out to our Assistance Program **Ulliance** at 1-800-448-8326 or visit www.LifeAdvisorEAP.com. Mention Sheet Metal Workers Local 80 when you call.

NOTARY: We have a notary public available at the hall at no charge.

SAVE THE DATE:
Golf Outing – July 11; Picnic – Aug. 1
Training Center News.

Apprenticeship Entrance Exam. The Entrance Exam for the next **Sheet Metal Workers' Local 80 Building Trades Apprenticeship** class is scheduled for Wednesday July 22, 2026. The deadline to apply is July 17, 2026. Requirements include a high school diploma or GED, a valid driver's license and applicants must be 18 years old by October 5, 2026. Applications must be submitted in person and are accepted by appointment only. Appointments can be scheduled by calling the Local 80 Training Center @ (586) 979-5190.



Local 292 Sheet Metal Workers

Sheet Metal Workers Local 292

TROY – The next general membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, **June 10, 2026 at Troy Community Center 3179 Livernois, Troy 48083.** Use the Banquet Entrance. Nominees/Candidates will have an opportunity to address the membership at this meeting.

The **E-Board/Stewards meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.** at the Union Hall.

ELECTIONS: Elections will be held on June 26, 2026, from 12 (noon) – 8:00 pm at The Apprenticeship School, 64 Park St, Troy, MI 48083. A dues receipt is required to vote.

Business Manager / Financial Secretary-Treasurer (Vote for not more than 1): Paul Gualdoni

Business Agent / President (Vote for not more than 1): Antonio (Tony) Silvestri

Vice President (Vote for not more than 1): W. Leon Weathers, Jason Csurgo

Recording Secretary (Vote for not more than 1): Allison Engeldardt, Chuck Garry
Warden & Conductor (Vote for not more than 1): Jordan Hicks, Austin Olson

Executive Board (Vote for not more than 5): David Brown, Anthony (Tone) Smiley, David Pistotti, Frank Lewandowski, Lloyd Mc-Millon, Jason Bolster, Cody Verkerke

Union Trustee (Vote for no more than 3): Quintin Turner, Denny Lau, Aaron McKeehan, Achilles Manolis

PAUL GUALDONI
The term of office will run from the Regular Membership Meeting on July 8, 2026, and serve a term of 3 years.

To be eligible for election on June 26, 2026, dues for the month of June must be paid in advance, that is, on or before May 29, 2026.

RETIREEES NOTICE: The next Retiree Luncheon has been **rescheduled** to 6/18/26 at 12:30 pm at Madhouse Bar and Grill, 32787 Stephenson Hwy, Madison Hts. 48071. It's always nice to catch up and stay connected. Please get in touch with the union hall via our website www.sheetmetal292.com, click on the "Contact Us" page if you would like to be added to the retiree email list.

BENEFIT INCREASES EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026: The Board of Trustees of Sheet Metal Workers Local 292 Supplemental Unemployment Fund is pleased to announce the following benefit improvements effective June 1, 2026.

Journeyman/Apprentice: The Benefit payable under this Plan will increase from \$225 to \$275.

Classified A/B: The Benefit payable under this Plan will increase from \$102 to \$124

Classified C: The Benefit payable under this Plan will increase from \$30 to \$37

Please note that all existing credits will also be increased.

LOCAL 292 ANNUITY/WAGE DEFERRAL: Beginning 1/1/26 the Annuity Fund will offer both pre-tax 403 (B) and Roth 403 (B) contribution options. Check your mail for flyers from Local 292 & John Hancock explaining the new option.

ANNUITY FUND ACCOUNT ACCESS: You can now access your Annuity account online, by phone, or by mobile app. The phone number to reach John Hancock is 833-388-6466. To create an online profile and a PIN, visit johnhancock.com/myplan and click "register now." Be sure to choose a strong password. Keep your password safe and change it regularly. To establish your PIN by phone, call 833-38-6466 or 888-440-0022 for Spanish.

Important Notice: Pension Benefit Payments Transitioning to Prudential Effective 8/1/25

Pension benefit payments will now come from Prudential, starting with the transfer, Retirees will begin receiving monthly pension payments directly from Prudential Insurance. If your medical insurance premium was being automatically deducted from your pension, this will continue under Prudential. No action is needed. **Advantages of the Pension Risk Transfer:** Greater Long-Term Security. The pension plan is being transferred to Prudential, a highly reputable and financially stable insurance company. Prudential specializes in managing long-term annuity payments, ensuring that retirees receive dependable monthly payments for life. Prudential's sole focus is managing and delivering retirement income. This transfer places retirees' pension under expert stewardship and reduces financial risk to the Union. The amount of your monthly benefit with no change. The payment schedule will continue on time and in full.

MEMBER ASSISTANCE: Local 292 has a new partner for Member Assistance, UNION EAP. Union EAP provides professional guidance for mental health, substance abuse recovery, and complex healthcare navigation for all active participants of the Health Plan. Beyond wellness, they offer expert assistance with legal consultations and financial planning to ensure you have the support you need for every part of your life, all completely confidential. Available 24/7, 365 days a year. 1-855-500-1915.

SMOHIT HELPLINE: Call 877-884-6227/ Available 24/7. For SMART 292 Members and their families experiencing an immediate crisis or who need a helpful ear.

OUT OF WORK: If you become laid off, you Must complete an Out of Work List Registration /SUB form. SUB forms are available at the Union Hall and through all shop stewards. This is the only way your name will be added to the Out of Work List. **Please contact Paul or Tony for updated work opportunities.**

SMART 292 APP: Our new Local 292 App is now live. It is available to all dues-paying members. Download is available through your App Store. Search SMART Local 292. There will be a short waiting period for the verification process.

WEBSITE / FACEBOOK: Be sure to check our website – www.sheetmetal292.com; Facebook page - Sheet Metal Workers Local 292.

DUES: Membership dues must be paid in advance of the month for which they are due. The union hall is not open on Saturday or Sunday; therefore, if you pay dues on either of those days, it will not be processed until Monday. If you are on suspension warning, your dues are 60 days late. To avoid suspension, dues must be paid online or at the union hall by 4:00 p.m. on the last business day of the month. Payments received after 4:00 p.m. on the last business day of the month will not be processed and you WILL go suspended. All members are responsible for making sure any required fees, i.e. late fees or service fees, are included if paid online (sheetmetal292.com).

ADDRESS UPDATES: If you move, please contact the union hall to update your address.

SUBSTANTIATION REQUEST: Many members have received Substantiation Request letters from the Local 292 Benefit Fund office. IRS regulations require that every use of the Benny Card be substantiated or validated as an eligible covered expense under the Plan. The IRS requires this validation; the Fund cannot make exceptions. It is the members' responsibility to ensure all requested documentation is returned to the Fund office promptly. By not responding to the Substantiation Request letter, your Benny Card may be suspended until all requested documentation has been received. If you have any questions, contact BeneSys at 248.641.4992 or the Union Hall.

UNION HALL HOURS: Hall office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Attention all Welders! We are looking for any members interested in a Saturday welding class on, May 30, June 6, June 13, June 20, July 11, July 20 & July 25.

These classes would be for members ready to obtain an AWS welding certification, learn how to weld, or need to practice welding.
Note: Anyone who signs up for a class must pay a \$40.00 registration fee that will be refunded on the completion of the class. These deposits are NON-Refundable if you do not show up for the classes. You can drop off the deposit between the hours of 7:00 and 3:00 at the Apprentice School.

Call the Apprentice School at 248-589-3237, Dave's cell 313-623-9390 or Quintin's cell 248-495-6764 to reserve a spot. Remember we must have the deposit before you will be scheduled for the class.



Local 7 Sheet Metal Workers

Sheet Metal Workers Local 7

LANSING – NOTICE. This Newspaper Article shall serve as the Official Notice of ALL meetings for Local 7!

The next Statewide Meeting will be June 11, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

*Zone 1 July 9th at 6:00 p.m.

*Zone 2 July 21st at 6:00 p.m.

*Zone 3 July 8th at 6:00 p.m. (Freeland)

*Zone 3 June 4th at 6:00 p.m. (Traverse City)

*Zone 4 July 14th at 6:00 p.m.

*Zone 5 June 6th at 10:00 a.m.

Please be aware that we are all required to report into the Local/Zone/Area/Jurisdiction in which we are traveling outside of our home Local/Zone/Area/Jurisdiction per the SMART Constitution Article 16 Section 10. Failure to report could result in charges and fines that you alone will be responsible for. Do not rely on your contractor or others to report on your behalf, it is your responsibility. Call your Business Representative if you are unsure of who to contact, they will get you the correct reporting information.

Please register on our website at www.sheetmetal7.org for the most up to date information on meeting schedules for 2026. Once you

are registered it must be approved to be able to log on. Please contact your representative if you have issues registering.

SMART Union Labels: Make the union label work for you! The new and modernized SMART Labels are an essential part to wage equalization, which means more money and work for you. Make sure that you are scanning labels to equalize pay and eliminate the incentive to subcontract outside of your area. For more information visit the official website at www.labelitscanireport.com and download the official app by texting "SMART" to 90975.

Zone 1 Info: Work in the Zone 1 area has started picking up recently and looks to remain strong throughout the year. If you become unemployed, please update your status with Eric and Vance (Apprentices please notify Ryan as well). If you are experiencing any difficulties with Unemployment, ESTA, Insurance, or Pensions, please contact Eric or Vance for assistance. Any Journeypersons interested in any upgrade classes, please contact Ryan at the Zone 1 Training Center for additional information (269) 781-7183 (class availability depends on the number of individuals interested).

Monthly Retiree meeting: 2nd Tuesday of each month 1:00 pm located at Sarah's Place 1100 Page Ave, Jackson MI 49203.

In Solidarity, Eric Farrington and Vance Saunders.

ZONE 2 Info: Work in Zone 2 is steady and phone number changes, so we can get them changed with the Lansing Hall and TIC Midwest. If your employment status changes please get ahold of me and apprentices also let Tanner know. Thank you to all who came out to the last Zone 2 Union meeting.

In Solidarity, Mike Adams

ZONE 3 Info: (Saginaw) Work in the area is starting to pick up slowly. Next Zone 3 meeting will be at the Freeland hall on 7/8/2026. Be sure your contact information is up to date with the Lansing office if there has been any changes (517)882-4064. Next Retiree meeting is June 23rd at the Ponderosa on Wilder Rd in Bay City.

In Solidarity, Joe Dotson

ZONE 3 Info: (Traverse City) Our next regular meeting is June 4th at 6pm. Work is steady and will continue to be throughout the Fall as we are looking for new apprentices. If anyone needs assistance with anything, contact me. Please make sure your monthly hours statements from Benesys is correct and make sure your phone and address are correct with the Hall and Benesys if they change.

Work safe and keep an eye on your brother or sister next to you. **In Solidarity, John Amalfitano**

ZONE 4 Info: Work in Zone 4 is busy again. It looks to be a great summer and fall. Thing are moving along pretty good at the new training center. We are very excited to get this done. For those of you who don't know we are looking at The MAAC in Clio MI to be our new training center we are keeping our fingers crossed that everything continues smoothly.

Also don't forget about the Local 7 golf outing it will be held at Briar Ridge Golf course in Montrose MI for this year and next, the registration forms will be available soon for sign up.

Hopefully warmer weather is coming soon. Please submit some of your summer fun pics of travels or big catches and I can submit a photo or two to one of the upcoming newsletters. **Thanks your brother Scott Brotherton.**

ZONE 5 Info Work in the UP will be back in full swing within the next month. Don't forget to get your Mine Safety Training up to date. If you need a refresher please sign up for that at www.upconstruction.org. If you have a change of address please call me or the Lansing hall to get that updated. **Reminder:** 2026 union meetings at the hall in Gwinn have been changed to Saturdays at 10:00 am. Also the Local 7 Statewide Picnic on July 18th at Timber Ridge has been **cancelled**. **In Solidarity, Brandon Langenfeld.**

Dues Department: *Online dues payment is now available* Dues from all members of local unions shall be paid monthly or quarterly, but always in advance.

To better serve our membership, we accept Credit Card Payments in lieu of your monthly dues. If you would like to take advantage of the Credit Card Service, a finance charge will be applied – Please call the Lansing office during regular business hours at 517-882-4064 to make your payment.

Address/Telephone Changes: Article 8, Section 1 of Local 7 Work Rules: *Address Changes:* All members are required to keep the Financial Secretary informed of their correct address. A notice mailed to the last address shall be sufficient and legal. If you have moved or changed your telephone number, please contact the union hall to update your records.

BENEFITS: For Benefit questions please contact the area office. Zone 1 – BeneSys 866-822-7037, Zone 2 – TIC 866-887-4338, Zone 3 – BeneSys 800-451-5733, Zone 4 – BeneSys 800-842-2690 and Zone 5 – Wisconsin H & B Fund 800-654-2329.

DEATH CERTIFICATES: Please submit to the Union Hall a copy of a Death Certificate for deceased members. Additional benefits from the International may be available.

CONTACT US: 4931 Contec Drive, Lansing, MI 48910– 517-882-4064

Local 7 Officers:
Samual Fuller (Business Manager/Financial Secretary-Treasurer) 517-882-4064

Eric Farrington (Agent-Lansing/Jackson) 517-242-3223

Vance Saunders (Agent-Battle Creek/Kalamazoo) 269-569-9200

Mike Adams (Agent-Grand Rapids/Muskegon) 616-299-3752

Joe Dotson (Agent-Saginaw) 989-225-0095

John Amalfitano (Agent-Traverse City) 231-590-1112

Scott Brotherton (Agent-Flint) 810-836-3552

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SETTING UP A BOX to terminate conduit at the Belle Isle Aquarium project in Detroit are electricians Chanse Dockery and Cameron Sellers. The IBEW Local 58 members are employed by Control Solutions.



**IBEW
LOCAL 948**

IBEW Local 948
FLINT – Meetings.
Membership Meeting - Our next regularly scheduled membership meeting will be June 8th, 2026 at 6:00 PM.
Retiree Meetings - Retirees next meeting will be June 2nd, 2026 at 9:00am.
Book Signing - For any members looking to sign our books please refer to our hotline at (810) 767-3308 Ext #5 or report directly to the hall.
Work Outlook - Our work outlook is steady with a slow ramp possible leading to the upcoming months. For further details on job information please ensure the hall has your email address for our job calls and resigns.
Dues Reminder - Members, please ensure your dues are paid in full. For any questions, concerns, or payments please see Jenny Wallace or call the main office at (810) 767-3308.
Seeking New Membership - As always, we are actively seeking to organize new membership. For any questions, concerns, or interest please contact Organizer Eric Crites.
New Store Stock - To all members interested, we have merchandise at our hall. Stock includes shirts, hoodies, hats, and other apparel. For any questions or purchases please contact Jenny Wallace.
New Membership - Welcome to our latest members: Hunter DeVasher and Alex Gregory. We look forward to working with you and hope to see you in the field.
Retirees - Congratulations to Robert Bishop and Rolland Eastwood on your pension application. The membership would like to wish you a healthy and relaxing retirement.
Draping of the Charter - Our condolences to the family of David Botbyl. We are tremendously sorry for your losses and will continue to keep our Brother in our hearts.

“Nothing happens to any thing which that thing is not made by nature to bear.”
– Marcus Aurelius Antoninus (121 AD - 180 AD)
“The past is finished. There is nothing to be gained by going over it. Whatever it gave us in the experiences it brought us was something we had to know.”
–Rebecca Beard
“Prosperity is not an instrument to be used, only a deity to be worshipped.”
–Calvin Coolidge (1872 - 1933)
“Minds, like bodies, will often fall into a pimpled, ill-conditioned state from mere excess of comfort.”
– Charles Dickens (1812 - 1870)
“I have learnt silence from the talkative, toleration from the intolerant, and kindness from the unkind; yet strange, I am ungrateful to these teachers.”
–Kahlil Gibran (1883 - 1931)
“Stop seeing the obstacles you face as reasons why you can’t do something. See them as a reason why you can. And celebrate your accomplishments on a daily basis.”
–Ali Vincent,
“In religion and politics, people’s beliefs and convictions are in almost every case gotten at second hand, and without examination.”
– Mark Twain (1835 - 1910)



**IBEW
LOCAL 557**

IBEW 557
SAGINAW – **MEETING START TIME CHANGE** - The next Local 557 Union Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 2 at **5:30pm**. A motion passed at the May Union Meeting to start the meetings at 5:30pm.
GOVERNOR CANDIDATE CHRIS SWANSON ENDORSED – IBEW Michigan has endorsed Sheriff Chris Swanson to be the next Governor of the State of Michigan. Sheriff Swanson spoke to the 557 membership after the last monthly meeting. Many members walked away impressed with the candidate and also got some great selfies. Please do everything you can to spread the word about this amazing candidate for Governor who is a great friend of Labor and card-carrying union member.
IMPORTANT: SPECIAL FUND CARDS EXPIRING - Special Fund debit cards that expired in May 2026 have been reissued. Old cards were shut off on May 31, 2026. The reissued cards will have the same card numbers as the existing cards but with an updated expiration date. Hopefully by now you have received the new cards and did not mistakenly throw them away. If you are unsure if you are set to get a new card, please check the date on your current card.
LOCAL 557 GOLF LEAGUE –Tee times are 6:00pm every Thursday at Twin Oaks.
RENEW COMMITTEE MEETINGS – These meetings occur immediately following each Monthly Union Meeting.
JOBSITE SAFETY - is and should always be #1 on all IBEW jobs. No deadline or profit should be placed ahead of the simple fact that members need to go to work and return home in the same safe state in which they were prior to their day of work. All members should be as diligent as possible when it comes to making sure work is completed in a safe manner.
LOCAL 557 ORGANIZING- Organizing is the lifeblood of any Local Union. Rex and Gus are doing great work for Local 557 on the organizing front. Organizing is a tough task. Some conversations with unrepresented workers are harder than others. Please give Rex and Gus all the help they need to succeed and get results for the Local. If you see something and wish to point it out to them, please reach out to Rex at 989-890-4578 and Gus can be reached at 989-941-8046.
UNION HALL OPERATIONS- Normal Business Hours are Monday-Friday **7am to 12pm, CLOSED for lunch, and re-open again from 1pm to 4:30pm**.
BOOK SIGNING- If you are a Local 557 member and receive a lay-off while working on a 557 Book 1 referral or apprentice training assignment, you must come to the hall and register on Book 1 or the apprentice out of work list in-person. Many Locals throughout the State of Michigan will continue to accept fax/email initial book signings. If you are interested in this reciprocated benefit and would like to be on some out-of-town Books, please call the hall to arrange this. Book 2 members can have their Union Hall send an email to either jobline@ibew557.org or renee@ibew557.org
WORK OUTLOOK- Local contractors continue to work on various projects at schools, hospitals, auto plants, waste water plants, and other various jobs. It is expected within the next month to have calls come in for a Battery Storage Project in Alma. Another Battery Storage Project is also expected in the Merrill area as in the coming months. Delays continue regarding the Downtown Saginaw Medical Diamond. The Ingersol Twp. area Solar Farm has also been delayed. There is also a solar project in the works in the Freemont Twp. area. Neither of these have been green-lighted as of yet, but we are hopeful they both will very soon.
HEALTH CARE- Don’t forget to schedule your annual physical with your doctor. By completing your annual physical, you could catch a health concern early and help keep the cost of health care down. Registering on the Blue Cross/Blue Shield website is highly recommended. Please take the time to visit www.bcbsm.com. Upon registering you can take the Free Health Assessment test and find instant results that can lead to living a healthy lifestyle.
BLUE CROSS APP-Download the Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan app for your smartphone. Search for “BCBSM” on the Google Play app or Apple store. Benefits to utilizing the app include the following: instant access to EOB’s, a virtual ID card on your phone, information on deductibles, explanations of coverage and other helpful tips related to your Health Care coverage. EOB’s can be downloaded to smart phones or computers and used to substantiate WEX receipt request.
WEX APP- To download the WEX app on your smartphone, search for “MI IBEW Special Fund” in the Google or Apple store. The app allows you to monitor your special fund balance and other great features.
JOB CALLS- Please stay vigilant checking the Job Line if you are seeking work. **All work calls for the day will be available on the Job Line after 4:30 pm. IF YOU ARE SEEKING WORK don’t forget to CALL 989-781-0516, option 3.** Local 557 utilizes a bid system for job calls. If you see a call you would like, please place a bid on the telephone system and call backs will occur the next business day to fill the calls until they are gone.
STAY CURRENT ON DUES –Paying dues can now happen through the Local’s new website/app.
CONTACT NUMBERS- Michigan Electrical Employee Pension fund and Michigan Health Plan (855) 633-4584. Website is: www.michiganelectrical.org
-In Solidarity, Evan Allardyce, Business Manager



IBEW Local 58
DETROIT – **The next General Membership meeting:** will be held on Tuesday, June 16, 2026. Dinner with the brotherhood begins at 5:30 pm and the meeting starts at 6:30 pm.
UPDATE – Sub Pay is available for **Limited Energy ONLY** at this time. **If you have questions, please contact the Local 58 Union Hall 313-963-2130.** If you have questions regarding the Port Huron office, please contact Business Agent Paul Ledsworth at 313-802-4970.
The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline (formerly known as the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline) offers 24/7 call, text and chat access to trained crisis counselors who can help people experiencing suicidal, substance use, and/or mental health crisis, or any other kind of emotional distress. Please Call, Text, Chat! IBEW Local 58 Cares! Call 988!
IBEW Local 58 Brick Pavers- are available for purchase. Please contact the Union Hall for an order form. 7x9 brick pavers can have up to 6 lines of lettering and 17 spaces per line, \$100 donation per brick. To purchase or for questions about the brick pavers contact Stacy at the Union Hall 313-963-2130, ext. 3015.
Local 58 Dues Department – Please look at your Dues Receipt: If your paid through date shows 12-31-2025, you are not current and owe a reinstatement fee of \$30. If your dues are not paid by June 30, you will lapse membership. It is your responsibility to pay your dues on time - this could affect your retirement or death benefit. You can pay on the APP/Website, send a check, or call and pay over the phone. Dues statements for the third quarter have gone out. We ask that you keep the Local up to date with your address, email, and phone no. Thank you!
IBEW Local 58 Retirees Association: Our next board meeting will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 10 at the local union hall in the main conference room. All are welcome.
Our next luncheon will be Wednesday, June 24 at The Gazebo Banquet Center, 31104 Mound Rd., Warren 48092. Doors open at 11 a.m. and lunch is served at 12:30. The cost is \$25 per person (payable to the Retirees Association), mail your reservations and checks to IBEW #58, Attn. Retirees Association, P.O. Box 32756, Detroit MI, 48232-0756. Questions, call Elaine Crawford at 313 408-5885.
We have a full bus for our annual September Bus Trip to New York City. Traveler’s please send the balance due (checks payable to the Retirees Association) for the trip by July 1 to 22700 Grove St., St. Clair Shores 48080-1878. Questions, call Dave Riley at 586 206-8075. There is a short wait list.
Electrical Workers’ Joint Boards of Trustees (Fringe Benefits Office) – Any questions regarding Local 58 Pension, Annuity, Health insurance or Life insurance should be directed to the IBEW Local 58 Benefits Office at 586-575-9200. They also distribute the 1099R tax form for the Local 58 Pension.
Retirement: The NEBF pension applications are no longer available at the Local 58 union hall. They are available either by contacting NEBF directly at 301-556-4300 or through your online account at NEBF.com. Standard processing time for NEBF pension applications has been 90 days. Please allow at least 3 months prior to your retirement date to submit your application to NEBF directly for processing. The IBEW PBF (International Pension Benefit Fund) applications can still be obtained at the Local 58 union hall. For questions regarding the NEBF or IBEW PBF pensions, please call Rebecca at 313-963-2130 ext. 3013. Questions regarding the Local 58 Pension should be directed to the Local 58 Benefits Office at 586-575-9200.
Detroit Electrical Industry Training Center - Know anyone interested in learning the Electrical Trade? Please inquire with the Training Center at www.detroitetc.org for information on Apprenticeship and training opportunities.
Detroit Electrical Workers Benevolent Fund (DEWBF): Next meeting will be Tuesday June 2 at 5:30 pm.
Next event is the 25th Annual Gaudi Open on Friday June 5 at

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the Glenhurst Golf Course in Redford. This event is Sold Out.
Our next golf outing will be the Brad Ballard Memorial Golf Outing. It will be Friday, Aug. 28 at Pine Valley, a month earlier due to the IBEW International Convention. Please make sure to save the date! Registration will be open after June 8.
Members of the Community Service Committee: The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 9 at 5:30p.m. The Wobbly Kitchen (Sundays in the Park) will be the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, starting at the union hall and then traveling to Cass Park. We are asking volunteers to show up at the hall at 8 a.m. Questions can be directed to Ray Kujawski at (248) 496-1916 (call, text, leave a voicemail). Contact the Union Hall (313) 963-2130 or Ray Kujawski (number above) for further information about volunteering or participating.
The next Entertainment Committee meeting will be Tuesday, June 9 following the Community Service Committee meeting that starts at 5:30 p.m.
EWMC of Southeastern MI – The next chapter meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 15 at 6pm. This will be an in-person meeting with a ZOOM option. Please make sure your cell phone no. and your email address are up to date. The meeting information will be sent out as soon as available. If you are not receiving the notices, please make sure that your information is updated here at the hall. Please bring any suggestions that you have for EWMC involvement and engagement.
The fourth coin in the series for our challenge coin fundraiser is now available for sale. Our IBEW car flags are also in. We will be selling them at any upcoming union events and Membership meetings.
The Safety Committee meeting will be on Monday, June 8, 2026, at 5:30 PM.
The IBEW Veterans Committee serves all those who have served, building community and strengthening veteran voices within the IBEW and throughout the entire electrical industry. We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 5:30pm at the hall with an option to attend via Zoom. At our next meeting we plan on reviewing the Veterans Committee field manual that has been put together by the I/O.
In recognition of service to country and union, all IBEW members who have served in the military can claim their free challenge coin by visiting the website: <https://ibew.org/about-ibew/affinity-groups/veterans-committees/>
Local 58’s Women’s Committee – The next meeting will be Thursday, June 25 at 5:30 p.m. at the Hall and on Zoom. If you have questions, please contact Committee Chair Angela Milam (586-291-8014) Email at 58womenscommittee@ibewlocal58.org.
The Political Action Committee: PAC meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of the month via Zoom and in person at the Hall at 5:30 pm. If you have questions or concerns or would like to attend a PAC meeting, you can reach out to our registrars at registrar1@ibew58.org.
The RENEW Committee: The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 23 at 5:30 p.m. at the Hall and on Zoom.
Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings take place every Wednesday at the IBEW Local 58 Union Hall, (1358 Abbott St, Detroit, MI 48226), starting at 6 pm. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. All trades welcome.
Electrical Workers Credit Union: Our website is <http://WWW.EWCUNET> (313) 963-6060.
Electrical Workers Credit Union is offering a short time special for **Auto Refinancing** starting at 4.25%* **Terms: Must come from another financial**

Institute, up to 60 or 72 months. Give the Credit Union a call to see if you qualify! 313-963-6060. Credit Union hours are Monday – Friday 9 am – 4 pm; Closed Friday between 11:30 am – 12:30 pm for lunch). You may now apply for membership online. Go to ewcu.net.
Dormant accounts! Please call the credit union to see the options to make your account active.
Be sure to keep the Union Hall updated with **any** changes to your phone number, address, email and beneficiaries. If your marital status has changed, please be sure to update any beneficiary forms for the Local 58 Pension and the IBEW.
Local 58 Senior Softball: Looking for seniors 55+ years old to join and have some fun. Beginning in May 2026 on Monday and Wednesday mornings. For more info please contact: Dennis Schwiager 586-725-0452 or Jim Miles 586-933-3551.
Local 58 Senior Golf: Looking for seniors 55+ years old to grab your clubs and join us for multiple dates of golfing and fun. Golfing starts at 9 am for each date.
June 11, – Pontiac Country Club 4335 Elizabeth Lake Rd Waterford, MI 48328
July 16, Rouge Park Golf Course 11701 Burt Rd Detroit, MI 48228
Aug. 13, Rackham Golf Course 10100 10 Mile Rd Huntington Woods, MI
Sept. 17, Bee Tee Golf Course 22871 21 Mile Rd Macomb, MI 48044
Oct. 8, Sanctuary Lake Golf Course 1450 E. South Blvd Troy, MI 48084
Please contact Jeff Gregory via phone call or text @ 248-240-7449. Thank you!
Wiremen’s Golf Association (WGA) Members: This year the 2026 Wiremen’s Golf Association Tournament will be hosted by Local 306, Akron, OH on Aug. 18-21. Any WGA member who is planning on participating in the 2026 Tournament or anyone looking for information or to join the WGA this year can feel free to reach out with any questions to Ron Krajenke at 313-475-0487 or Brad Garrity at 313-850-1837.
UPCOMING EVENT: The CHOOCH Foundation Partners with IBEW Local 58 for A Mind in Motion: Mental Health Maintenance Fair. The CHOOCH Foundation is partnering with IBEW Local 58 to bring the upcoming A Mind in Motion: Mental Health Maintenance Fair to the Local 58 Union Hall in Detroit.
While the event is not a clinical treatment setting, licensed professionals and mental health advocates will be available on-site to answer questions and provide guidance on accessing support services.
Attendees can explore:
•Creative arts therapy demonstrations (dance, music, visual arts)
•Guided meditation and mindfulness sessions
•Martial arts and movement-based stress reduction
•Sound healing demonstrations
•Community resource vendors
•Educational materials and support connections
•A live aerial yoga demonstration by The Detroit Fly House
The goal is to ensure that workers and families leave informed, empowered, and aware of available resources.
Event Details: June 6, IBEW Local 58, 1358 Abbott St, Detroit, MI 48226 10 AM – 4 PM
Members that have Passed Away: Our heartfelt condolences to the families and friends of our fallen Brothers and Sisters. We extend our sincere sympathy to the families on their loss. **William Alward Jr**, Journeyman Inside Wireman; **William “John” Amrhein Jr**, Pension member, 55 year IBEW membership; **Lloyd Bryant**, Pension member, 28 year IBEW membership.

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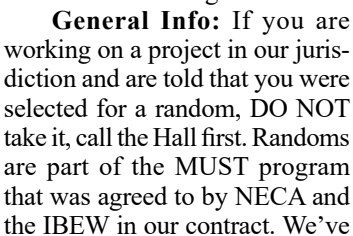
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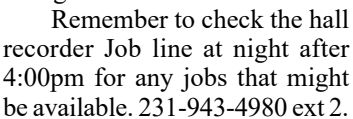
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–Henry J. Kaiser (1882 - 1967)



been seeing our contractors who are subs being told by the G.C. that one of our members were selected for a random through their program. We are not signatory to B&V, Barton-Malow or any other G.C., therefore we are NOT subject to their drug testing.

We've had a few instances of inappropriate comments on the job site. Be aware that the IBEW Constitution that we've all swore an oath to uphold states, in part; *"This Brotherhood will continue to oppose communism, Nazism, racism, sexism, fascism or any other subversive "ism".*" We have adopted a Zero Tolerance approach to these behaviors and
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Delinquent Members: As of this writing the following members are three months or more behind on dues: Dave Daum, Wade Langdon, and Mike Nielsen. Please make every effort to get caught up.

Death of Members: None to report.

www.ssdfighter.com



IBEW Local 906
UPPER PENINSULA—MEETINGS: There will be normal unit meetings for the month of June 2026.
Marquette - 119 S Front St. First Tuesday @ 7:00pm EST
Iron Mountain- 1800 N Stephenson Ave. Second Tuesday @ 7:00pm CST
Escanaba - 1219 1st Ave S. Second Wednesday @ 7:00 pm EST

Work Outlook - Work is starting to pick up. Upcoming projects include Amazon warehouse in Escanaba, Harden Hall 1st floor remodel in Marquette, VA Hospital in Marquette, Crystal Falls Compressor Station.
We currently have a 1-man call for Billy Electric in Escanaba, a 1-man call for Pieper Electric in Escanaba, a 1-man call for K.A.T. at the Soo Locks, a 2 man call for Pieper Electric in Ironwood, and a 1-man call for Michels Power in Naubinway. Please call the hall 906-226-7497 if you're interested in either of these calls.

IBEW Local 906 accepts book 2 signing via email. Please email cfeleuryibew906@gmail.com for all book 2 signings.

Union Hall Hours of Operation- Normal Business Hours are Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:30pm.

Golf Outings- The U.P. Building Trades are having their 41st annual gaolf outing at the Terrace Bluff in Gladstone, MI on June 20th. Shotgun start at 9:00am. If you are interested in playing, please call the hall by June 3rd to sign up.

IBEW Local 906 is once again the title sponsor for the Project Jade golf outing on August 23rd at Wawonowin Country Club in Champion, MI. Shotgun start at 9:00am. With Local 906 being the title sponsor we get 2 four person teams, if you are interested in playing for local 906, please call the hall to sign up.

Merchandise- To all members interested, we have merchandise at the hall. It can be picked up or coordinated to be brought to a union meeting. Payment can be done in person, over the phone, or on the website/app under the Merchandise order form page. All products are available for viewing on the website/app. We have some new shirt designs so please be sure to take a look!

Retiree Events- There is a retiree lunch the third Thursday of every month at the Vierling Restaurant in Marquette at 11 am EST.

There is a retiree breakfast the first Saturday of every month at Hardees in Iron Mountain at 8:00am CST.

Website/App- We have a new website and mobile app. Please reference those new tools for any new announcements and updates within the local. The website can be found at ibew906.org and the app can be found under IBEW 906. Dues payments can also be made through the app and website. If you are in arrears, you will not be able to pay on the app or website. If you have any questions or are having trouble with the app please call the hall.

RENEW- There is a RENEW (Reach out and Engage Next Generation Electrical Workers) zoom meeting held the first Thursday of every month at 8:00 pm est. To get the zoom link please reference the calendar section of the app or website.

Union Dues- A friendly reminder that dues are \$49.00 per month. Please keep this in mind if you are mailing a check for dues payment. There will be no Dues increase for 2026. If you are paying for the whole year at one time you receive a free tee shirt.

Labor History- IBEW Local 906 is looking for labor history in the Upper Peninsula for our local/union. If you have any information that you'd like to submit or meet up for an interview please call the hall.



IBEW Local 252
ANN ARBOR – MESSAGE FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER: We are trying to update our list of employers that are currently NOT providing Earned Sick Time pay. Please email info@ibew252.org or call 734-424-0978 if your current employer is not providing ESTA pay.

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION FOR IBEW LOCAL UNION 252: The nominations for all officers of Local Union 252 were held on Wednesday, May 13, 2026.

In order to vote you must have a dues receipt not more than 3 months in arrears (paid through March 2026). The election of officers shall take place between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 6, 2026 at the Union Hall located at 7920 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor, Michigan. The ballots will be counted immediately following the closing of the polls and the results shall be announced immediately after all ballots are counted.

A complete listing of the results shall be posted on all union bulletin boards, union social media, or other appropriate place by the close of business on the day following the election. In the event a runoff election is required, same shall be held a special called meeting on Saturday, June 27, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Union Hall located at 7920 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor, Michigan. The same rules shall apply to the runoff election as were applicable to the regular election.

Members who requested an absentee ballot for the regular election will automatically receive same for the runoff. Absentee ballots shall be available to any member upon written request to the election judge. Written requests can be mailed to 252 Election Judge, P.O. Box 172, Adrian, MI 49221, or emailed to 252electionjudge@gmail.com.

Such requests will be accepted up to 5 days prior to the date of the election. Anyone receiving an absentee ballot will not be entitled to vote at the polls without first presenting the election judge with their unused ballot and the envelope used in the mailing. Absentee ballots received at the Post Office after 1:00 p.m. on June 6, 2026 will not be counted.

All officers shall be installed and begin their 3-year terms at the regular meeting of the local union on Wednesday, July 8, 2026. Candidates shall be entitled to an observer at the polling place, during the counting of the ballots and when the absentee ballots are picked up from the Post Office. The candidate themselves may be the observer. Any member who believes a protest of the election is warranted is urged to contact the election judge as soon as possible before the election is certified.

Once the election is certified, any protests of the election are to be filed in writing with the International Vice-President of the District within 30 days following the election. The decision of the International Vice-President shall conclude the processing of a protest within the IBEW. In the event the protesting member is not satisfied with the decision of the International Vice-President, the member may submit his/her protest to the U.S. Department of Labor.

Any questions about the conduct of the 2026 IBEW Local 252 election can be mailed to 252 Election Judge, P.O. Box 172, Adrian, MI 49221, emailed to 252electionjudge@gmail.com, or consult by phone (517) 918-8948.

BE SURE TO KEEP BENEFICIARY FORM UPDATED- A friendly reminder that beneficiary forms are available at the fund office AND at the hall for anyone that may need to update beneficiary information. If your information needs to be updated, it needs to be updated at BOTH.

TRAINING CLASSES 2025: ALL CLASSES START AT 5 PM

BICSM Fiber/ Tech- Every Monday beginning June 8 and ending Aug 31

Fire Alarm- Every Wednesday except Union meeting night, starting Sept 2 and ending Oct 21.

NICET PREP- Every Wednesday except Union meeting night, starting Oct 28 and ending Dec 23 (book purchase required, call the training center

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for more information
CPR- March 3 & 10, June 2 & 9, September 1 & 15, December 1 & 8.

Additional classes will be added as they become available. For interest in a class not listed, call the training center. All classes require a \$50 deposit. Call the school 734-475-1180 to add your name to the desired class ahead of time. All evening classes are held from 5-9 PM.

IBEW 252 APP FOR ANDROID: If you use an android phone, you must redownload the IBEW 252 app, which is now available in the app store.

RETIRES CARD GAME: The first Thursday of every month Local 252 and UA 190 retirees meet at the Union Hall for card games and donuts. The games start at 9 a.m.

RETIRESBREAKFAST: will take place on the second Wednesday of each month at 9 a.m. at Leo's Coney Island, 160 South Zeeb Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48103.

DUES PAYMENTS ONLINE: We can now accept payments for union dues online. Visit our website www.ibew252.org and click on "Pay Dues". Follow the instructions to create your account through the payment portal. Your dues receipt will be mailed to you.

DETROIT TIGERS UNION DAY: The Union Day Tiger's game will be on Sept. 26 against the Pittsburgh Pirates. Tickets are \$30 and include entry to the game, bus transportation, and \$10 fun money to spend at the park. The bus will depart from the union hall at 10:30 a.m. Tickets are first come, first serve, and will not be held until they are paid for. Call or stop by the union hall to sign up.

GEORGE PERROS GOLF OUTING: This year's outing will be held on July 18 at Pierce Lake Golf Course. More information to come. Please contact the hall at (734) 424-0978 to sign up.

UNION 4 LIFE GOLF OUTING: on Saturday, Aug. 22 at Pierce Lake Golf Course, 1175 S. Main St. Chelsea, MI 48118 for their charity golf outing to benefit University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center's breast cancer research fund. This event will take place 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fee is \$125/player, \$500/team and includes 18 holes + cart, lunch, dinner, & drinks, contests & prizes. Contact Hope Salyer hopes@aeajtc.org/ (734) 475-1180 with questions. Register online at union4lifecarity.com.

VETERAN'S COMMITTEE: We are looking for veterans to join our veteran's committee. The meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. at the Union Hall. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact John Gilbert at (517) 920-1422.

M.U.S.T DRUG TESTING: Please make sure your MUST drug testing is current as you cannot work on a U of M project or several other projects in the jurisdiction without being current. Local 252 has a zero tolerance for alcohol or drug use.

ERTS: Please make sure that you are signed up for the Electronic Reciprocity Transfer System. You must be signed up for ERTS before working outside of Local 252's jurisdiction or your benefits will not be transferred back.

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: Local 252 partners with Health Management Systems of America to provide Employee Assistance for several issues. For confidential 24/7 assistance, call toll-free 1-800-847-7240, or visit www.my-life-resource.com and use username: hmsa, password: myresource for more information.

AFLAC INSURANCE: Aflac has teamed up with the IBEW to offer its members Aflac benefits at a reduced rate. Contact Representative Lisa Enerson for information about Accident, Cancer, Critical Care, Dental and Vision insurance from Aflac. Phone number: (517) 306-0144.

AT&T DISCOUNT: Union members can save up to 15% on the monthly service charges of qualified wireless plans, or unlimited calling for \$15/mo. for AT&T Wireless Home Phone plans. Visit UnionPlus.org/ATT with discount code 4924966.

RETIREMENT: NEBF and IBEW PBF applications take 3 months to process but can be filled out as early as 6 months (Continued next column)



GROOVING A 4-INCH Schedule 40 heating and cooling pipe at the Belle Isle Aquarium project in Detroit is Mason Vandekerckhove of Pipe Fitters 636. He's employed by Watson Brothers.



Local 149 Roofers & Waterproofer

Roofers Local 149

DETROIT – Attention. This paper is to serve as an official notice to the membership.

The General Membership Meeting is scheduled for Tues, June 2, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at 1640 Porter St., Detroit, MI 48216

The next Executive Board Meeting is scheduled for Tues., June 2, 2026, at 6 p.m. at 1640 Porter St., Detroit, MI 48216.

The Mid-Michigan meeting is scheduled for Tues., July 14, 2026, at 6 pm. at 810 Tacoma Ct. Clio MI, 48420.

Detroit Wage Allocation Proposals. The members voted for Proposal 1

Proposal 1- \$1.00 Check, \$0.93 Annuity, \$0.07 Vacation, \$0.10 DET Training Center

The raise will go into effect on June 1, 2026

Mid-Michigan Wage Allocation Proposals. The members voted for Proposal 2

Proposal 2- \$2.50 Check, \$0.40 Health & Welfare. The raise will go into effect on June 1, 2026

The proposals to determine what to do with this year's \$2.90 raise are as follows.

41st Annual Scholarship. Local 149 and the Roofing Industry Promotion Fund (RIPF) have opened applications for the Scholarship Grant Program, continuing their shared commitment to supporting educational opportunities within the roofing industry.

This year, four scholarships of \$1,000 each will be awarded to eligible students who are currently enrolled in, or planning to attend, an accredited college or university. Previous scholarship recipients are not eligible. Eligibility includes:

- Three scholarships for dependents of active members of Roofers Local Union 149

- One scholarship for dependents of office employees of RIPF member contractors

Applicants must submit a typed essay along with a completed application form, which includes the student's contact information, intended college, chosen field of study, and parent or guardian's name and employer. How to win

Individuals interested in obtaining one of four scholarship grants, should submit an essay to the Joint Scholarship Committee. The essay should contain 250 words or more. You may select one or more of the following topics:

- Roofing Technology – Old vs. New
- Roofing Safety – Safety practices and their importance
- Roofing Impact – What does roofing mean to you, based on your life experiences?
- Roofing Ethics – Is my parent and/or guardian in a job that matters to society?

Deadline:
All materials must be received—not postmarked—by Monday, June 1, 2026 via mail, or email.

Submission Address: Local 149 Scholarship Grant Program
Attn: Scholarship Committee
8155 Annsbury Drive, Suite 104
Shelby Township, MI 48316
Email: heather.hadley@smrca.org

Detroit Training Center Information. Journeyworkers upgrade classes to improve your skills, your worth, and our Brotherhood/Sisterhood is available at no cost to all Detroit LU 149 members. Dues must be current in order to enter the Training Center. If you are interested in any of these classes, contact the Training Center, 248-543-3847.

Mid-Michigan Training Center Information. Journeyworkers upgrade classes to improve your skills, your worth, and our Brotherhood/Sisterhood is available at no cost to all Mid-Michigan LU 149 members.

Dues must be current in order to enter the Training Center.

If you are interested in any of these classes, contact the Union Hall/Training Center, 810-687-1368 to make arrangements.

Out-Of-Work. When contractors call the Union Hall for help, we need to know who is available, and have an up-to-date phone number. All Detroit Area members who are out of work need to call the Hall at (313) 961-6093 ext. 0 to be put on the out of work list. All Mid-Michigan Area members who are out of work need to call the Hall at (810) 687-1368 to be put on the out of work list.

Outdoor Life. If you have any hunting and fishing pictures that you would like to see in the Journeyman Roofing & Waterproofing Magazine, please contact the Union Hall at 313.961.6093 ext. 0, for additional information.

Are you moving? If you have a new address please make sure to let the Union Hall know

Reminder. Members please call the Hall when you see a roofing project whether it is one of our signatory companies or not. The Hall needs this information for recruitment purposes, and hopefully to get a picture of our members for Facebook.

The publication above is as 5/26/2026, 1:00pm

- **In Solidarity, Brian Gregg Business Manager, Roofers & Waterproofer Local No.149**



Laborers Local 1191
(2161 West Grand Boulevard, Detroit, MI 48208)

DETROIT – Regular Membership Updates: Please check out our website at www.laborerslocal1191.org and the “Laborers’ Local 1191” Facebook page for important information about your Local Union.

Member Personal Information Updates: Be sure to keep the Local Union updated with any changes to your phone number, address, and/or email.

Monthly General Membership Meetings: All General Membership Meetings are held the first Friday of every month at 7 pm at the Local Union, 2161 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, MI 48208 (except for holidays), unless the Membership receives notice of a meeting cancellation, rescheduling and/or a venue change. **The May General Membership meeting is scheduled for May 1, 2026. The General Membership Meeting for June will be held June 5, 2026. Please be advised that the July 2026 Membership Meeting will be moved to July 10, 2026, in observance of Independence Day.**

Monthly Retiree Council Meetings: Retiree Council meetings are the last Friday of each month. The meetings are held at 11:00 am at the Local Union, located at 2161 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, MI 48208. **The Retiree Council Meeting for May 2026 is scheduled for May 29, 2026. The June Retiree Council Meeting is scheduled for the 26th of June, 2026.**

Election for Local 1191 Delegates to 2026 LiUNA! International Convention: There will be an election to determine Local 1191 Delegates to the 2026 International Convention. All ballots will be mailed to Members’ current addresses on file no later than May 1, 2026. Ballots must be returned via USPS Mail for counting on June 2, 2026. Please direct questions regarding the 2025 Local 1191 Election to the Local Union.

Important Notice Regarding Dues Payments: According to the Uniform Local Union Constitution Article VIII sec. 4. The monthly dues are due on the first day of the month and unless paid on or before the last day of the following month, the member will be suspended by the International Union without notice. **To better serve our membership, the Local accepts in-person Cash, Credit and Debit payments.**

Save Time & Money: We urge members to make their payments timely to avoid additional costs! Monthly dues can be deducted from your vacation check and sent directly to the Local Union. Please stop by the Local Union office to get one of the “Vacation Monthly Dues Deduction” forms or you may call the Local Union office at (313)-894-2241 to have one mailed to you. **FYI: Members who sign up for Vacation deduction and pay (6) months at a time will receive a 1-month rebate!**

Roll Call: All members on the out-of-work list must re-register every quarter within the first five days of the following months: March, June, September and December. Your failure to do so will result in your name being removed from the referral list.



Local 25 Iron Workers

Iron Workers 25

NOVI – The June Union Meeting is Monday June 29, 2026 at 7:00 pm. All Union Halls will be open for in-person and Zoom will also be available. We continue to communicate through the PUSH NOTIFICATIONS for alerts & emails. You can download our APP for android on google play or for iphone at the APP store just search “Iron Workers Local 25” Martinez web shop. Or sign up via our website (www.ironworkers25.org).

The Flint Steward meeting will be Wednesday June 17 at 5:30 pm. The Saginaw Steward meeting will be Thursday June 25 at 6 pm. The Lansing Steward meeting will be Monday June 29, at 6pm. All are welcome.

Congratulations to all the re-elected and Newly Elected Officers of Local 25: President: Dennis Aguirre II, FS/BM: Michael Randick, VP/BA: Jimmy Horvath II, Recording Secretary: Jeff Hamric, Business Agents: Eric Aguirre, Mike Christensen, Chuck DeShetler, Mark Ellul, Hank Kiluk, Kevin Matheny, Rich Witzke. Executive Committee: Terry Howery, Joe Patterson, Scott Patterson, Paul Becignuel, Brandon Jordan. Examining Committee: Todd Foreman, Paul Becignuel, Doug Shaffer. Trustees: Don Litterini, Heather Hamilton, Brandon VanWagoner. Sergeant-at-Arms: Terry Howery. Conductor: Don Litterini.

A FRINGE FUND PENSION DEPT REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE AT THE NOVI UNION HALL on Wednesday June 3 from 8 am to 12 noon. If you have questions, call 248-344-9494. Walk-ins are welcome!

A HEALTH CARE REPRESENTATIVE from the Fringe Benefit Fund office will be at the Novi Union Hall on Wednesday June 24 from 8am to 12 noon to meet with any member(s) to address health care issues or HRA substantiation concerns. Walk-ins are welcome!

June vacation check schedule: There are no more early distributions for vacation check pulls. The last day to call to have your June vacation check pulled is Tuesday June 2 at 12 noon.

Pulled checks will be available at the Novi Hall Thursday June 4, by 2:00 pm.

All other checks will be mailed to you by the end of business day on Tuesday June 2.

All members who receive ACH deposits, your vacation check will be transferred on Friday, June 5. All Vacation checks will be dated Saturday June 6, 2026.

The 2026 Iron Worker Picnic will be held on Saturday June 20 at the Local 25 Training Center, Wixom. Starting time approximately 11 am. Bounce house, music, food, face-painting, lots of fun!

The 125th Iron Workers Local 25 Anniversary Celebration & Gala is Saturday July 18, from 5-11pm at the Athenum Suite Hotel in Detroit. Individual tickets (\$125 ea.) are available on our website www.ironworkers25.org

If you have moved recently, update the Union Hall 248-344-9494. We will gladly advise the Fringe Benefit Fund office of your move upon request.

Apprentice applications accepted electronically. Visit our website (ironworkers25.org) where you can apply online, make your application appointment & pay the application fee online; you must have an appointment to turn in an application. We take appointments Tuesday – Thursdays! No walk-in foot traffic.

The ClickSafety program allows ironworker members to meet a variety of training requirements, offering over 100 online courses in English and Spanish that include many OSHA-authorized courses. Simply log in: <https://sms.copperrange.com/impact/sms/login/>

The username is the member's book # and the password is the FIRST 4 digits of your SSN

Apprentices: located under the Apprenticeship Tab you will find “Make-Up Days” & “Welding Test Certifications” where you can electronically schedule your make-up days and welding tests. To view classes at the Local 25 Apprenticeship School, please go to our website (ironworkers25.org); to view the 2026 Block Schedule, Roster or Raising Gang Schedule. Please make sure to download the TradeSchool Mobile App to submit your monthly work and school hours. These must be submitted monthly. If you have Facebook or Instagram, please give us a follow. Wixom

Training Center. 248-960-2130. 24/7 CREDIT-DEBIT CARD processing for Union Dues: Pay via our APP or website www.ironworkers25.org. **The phone no. is 866-635-2826. Or pay union dues with personal check or money order and mail to:** Iron Workers Local 25 – P.O. Box 965 – Novi, MI 48376-0965. Pay union dues in person at the Novi Union Hall (M-F) from 8 am to 3 pm (NO Cash).

FRINGE BENEFIT OFFICE: 800-572-8553 or 248-347-3100 and follow the prompts. Hours 7:30 am to 4:30 pm. The mailing address for member BENEFIT related matters is: Iron Workers Local 25 Fringe Benefit Funds, PO Box 99219, Troy MI 48099-9219. Blue Cross Health Claims and Customer Service 877-790-2583. Delta Dental Claims & Customer Service 800-482-8915.

If any member is having problems with the HRA substantiation letters please call Dennis Aguirre.

Check your HRA/Benny Card Balance: my.wexhealthcard.com (where you can create a log-in)

Check your online benefit information: ourbenefitoffice.com/iw25/benefits/

HRA/Benny Card Audit is continuously under way via US Mail – please respond if you have been contacted. You need to save your receipts for three (3) years.

The Iron Workers’ Local 25 Novi Chapter Retirees’ Club Board of Directors will meet on Tuesday June 2 at 8 am. The Retirees’ meeting/luncheon will be Tuesday June 16 at 10 am. All are welcome.

The West Michigan Chapter Retirees breakfast will meet Tuesday June 2, at 9 am at Red Rock Grille & Café, 228 N. Ball Creek Rd, NW, Kent City, MI. All are welcome.

The next quarterly meeting for the **Bay City Chapter** will July 31 at the Iron Workers 25 Saginaw Union Hall, 11 Bridgeway S. Saginaw MI 48604 at 12 pm. All are Welcome.

The Downriver Chapter’s next quarterly Retirees breakfast will be held 9 am July 31 at Mom’s Restaurant, 2691 Fort St., Trenton, MI. All are welcome.

Veterans Crisis Line: Dial 988, then press 1. Or, you can send a text message to 838255 to received confidential support 24/7. For more information visit www.veteranscrisisline.net

Blue Cross Blue Shield Michigan: www.bcbsm.com/behavioral-mental-health/ Resources on the home page including In-Person Crisis Care options in many locations throughout the state. BCBS Michigan 877-627-1041 Substance-use-disorder.

When the World feels Heavy: FindTreatment.gov is where you can search by zip code/city. Or call SAMHSA 800-662-4357. MentalHealth.gov provides information & programs about mental health. Dial 988 (National Suicide Prevention Lifeline) For help 24/7 in a Time of Crisis. Call or text 988 if you or someone you know is in danger of suicide or experiencing a mental health crisis. You can also Chat at 988lifeline.org/chat (English & Spanish).

Suicide Prevention Resources on IMPACT: <http://www.impact-net.org/safety/suicide-prevention-resources>. US Crisis Text Line: Text **HOME** to 741741 from anywhere in the U.S.

In Memory: Gary Eyer #752434 passed away May 2, 2026 at the age of 79. He was a 59-year member. Gary’s wife predeceased him; he leaves many friends in the ironworking industry. Daniel Shirey # 1204220 passed away May 12, 2026 at the age of 61 and was a 32+ year member. He is survived by his wife Dorothy, his brothers Alan Shirey #1531966, and Charles Shirey #1267308, along with his son William Shirey #1490428. His Dad Thomas Shirey #554054 predeceased him. Dennis Zander #1069557 passed away May 19, 2026 at the age of 65. He was a member of Local 340/25 for 44 years. He is survived by his wife Kelly, his brothers Larry Zander #1235233, and Dan Zander #1244579. He is also survived by his Uncle Gale Zander #1069558. His Father Denny Sr. was an ironworker with Local 340 who predeceased him.

Our sincere condolences to all of the family and friends on the loss of your dear loved one(s).

This information is as of Submission Time for this Article



Local 169 Boilermakers

Boilermakers 169

ALLEN PARK – Our next regularly scheduled membership meeting will take place on

June 12, 2026, at 8:00pm at the IBEW Local 692 1300 W. Thomas St. Bay City, MI 48706.

Our monthly dues will stay at our current rate of 55.85 for 2026.

MICHAEL CARD

Attention members, Scott Ivey is the new Business Agent for Area 3, he will take over all the duties of agent including dispatching and out of work list. His contact info office (989) 662-6491 cell (989) 274-6974.

We will be having a Common Arc Weld Testing June 25-26. If you are a journeyman and interested in taking a test contact NCL Services at (586) 477-1562. Apprentices will be given a date and time for their test.

Congratulations to the elected delegates to the 35th Consolidated Convention. Mike Card and Don Fajardo by Office, Elected Tony Herrera, Jamie Ratliff, Terry Sullivan, Scott Ivey and Brad Dame. These delegates will represent the members of Local 169 at the convention which will be held July 20-23 2026.

Congratulations to Matt Root, he will be representing our Local at the regional apprentice competition in Hobart Ind. the first week of June. We wish him luck.

Local 169 Golf Outing will be June 19 at St. Clair Golf Club 1714 River Rd. St. Clair, 48079. If you are interested in participating contact the union hall at (313) 584-8520.

Boilermakers Local 169 Area Picnics.

Area 1 - picnic will be Aug. 8 at Camp Dearborn noon until 7 pm. We will also have food, drinks, adult and kids raffle prizes, games, cornhole tournament, bounce house, face painting, and fun for the whole family. If you can meet at 8am to help set up, we could always use the help!

Area 2 – Picnic will be on Sept. 7 (Labor Day) following the parade. More information to come.

Area 3 - picnic will be Aug. 1 at Sanford Lake Park noon until 7 pm. We will have food, drinks, adult and kids’ raffles and prizes, fun for the whole family. Sanford Lake is filled up now and has a splash park for the kids. Please bring a dish to pass.

Area 4 – Information will be coming soon.

OSHA 10 and OSHA 30 safety training can now be taken online. Please visit our website – www.boilermakerslocal169.com for more information.

Any member interested in getting the Great Lakes Safety background check for Corteva please contact Business Agent, Jim Calouette at (906) 428-2880.

Any members interested in EPRI Rigging, which is required for working in the Nuclear Plants. Please contact Tony Herrera at 616-296-9131, or Jamie Ratliff at 313-584-8520. Your name will be added to the list. Once we have a full class, you will be notified when and where to attend. Per your International, any member with EPRI training will not be required to have Rigging 1 through 4 for placement on the BDS.

Retirees: Retiree luncheons **Area 1** Retiree luncheon is on the first Wednesday of every month at 11 am at the White Rhino Sports Bar, 4328 Oakwood, Melvindale, 48122.

Area 2 Retirees hold luncheons on the first Thursday of every month at 11am at Whitlow’s Forerunner Restaurant, 4610 Airline Rd, Muskegon MI. All retirees and members from all areas are welcome to attend.

Area 3 Retirees luncheon is the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 11AM. The next lunch will be on May 20 at the Second Street Sports Pub. The address is 274 Meyers Street, Freeland. Mi. 48623. As always, everyone from all areas is welcome to attend.

Area 4 Retirees’ lunches are on the first Tuesday of the month at 11am in Rapid River at Jacks Restaurant 7898 S. Main Street, Rapid River, MI. Area 4 retirees also meet in Marquette on the second Tuesday of the month at 11am at Crossroads Bar on the corner of County Rd 553 and County Road 480.

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Local 514 Cement Masons & Plasterers

Operative Plasterers’ and Cement Masons’ Local 514

DETROIT – The next membership meeting is Tuesday, June 16, at 7:00 pm. We will be having food and refreshments. There will also be an executive board meeting that day at 5:30 pm. Please make every effort to come and fellowship with your brothers and sisters.

Membership Gold Cards- Congratulations!

June 2026
Robert Atkin-25 Years
Francesco Misuraca-25 Years

Daniel Redmond-25 Years
Rafael Santos-30 Years
Lamberto Perez-40 Years
Ferdinand Debacker-70 Years

Marcus Martinez is the new Apprenticeship Coordinator; he can be reached at (313)-350-0389 or by email: mmartinez@opcmiami.org

Please get in touch with the local at 248-548-0800 or email your updated information to aajrouche@opcmiami.org. Please send your updated information promptly.

MUST Safety Awareness Training: Please check the MUST website at www.Mustb-safe.com to see how many modules you have. You must create a new username and password. We will send ALL MUST drug authorization forms to the members’ email addresses.

Please activate your Blue Cross Blue Shield account. To activate your Blue Cross member account online, go to bcbsm.com/register and select Register Now.

Beneficiary Reminder: Please remember to designate or update your beneficiary choice, especially after a divorce, on all your OPCMIA Local 514, American Income Life Accidental Benefit, Pension, and Healthcare funds. The law requires that, in the event of an untimely death, your benefits go to your estate and may be taxable. Each benefit needs to have a designated beneficiary.

All members need to keep the Local updated on addresses, email, and phone numbers. If you need to change an address or add an email and phone number, please call the Local at (248) 548-0800.

Death Certificates: Please always notify the Union Hall by phone when a member of the Local has passed away and submit a copy of the Death Certificate for any deceased active or retired member.

Attention, all Apprentices: you will now need to go to the website www.micementplasterertraining.com to enter your work hours. When you get to the website, click the link “About” and then click on “Apprentice.”

If you are a Military Veteran, please contact the Local so we can update our records. Please call (248) 548-0800.

The Local’s website is: www.opcmiami.org.

Please refer to the website for updated information.

O.P.C.M.I.A. Local 514 has a satellite office in Flint, Michigan. We welcome Members and Contractors in the Flint area to handle their business transactions at 2630 Grand Traverse, Flint, MI 48503. Appointments may be made by contacting Business Agent Mike Stanfield at (517) 719-2316 or the Business Manager Henry Williams, (313) 215-5063.

Members working for non-

May 29, 2026

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Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers

BAC LOCAL 2

UPCOMING MEETINGS METRO DETROIT CHAPTER: Tuesday, June 2nd, 2026, at 5:30pm, 21031 Ryan Road, Warren, MI 48091

ANN ARBOR CHAPTER: Tuesday, June 2nd, 2026, at 6:00pm, 8225 Dexter-Chelsea Road, Dexter, MI 48130

FLINT CHAPTER: Wednesday, June 3rd, 2026, at 7:30 PM, 1701 W Genesee Street, Lapeer, MI 48446

LANSING CHAPTER: Wednesday, June 3rd, 2026, at 6:00 PM, 3321 Remy Drive, Lansing, MI 48906

KALAMAZOO CHAPTER: Thursday, June 11th, 2026, at 6:00 PM, 11847 Shaver Road, Schoolcraft, MI 49087

HOUGHTON CHAPTER: Thursday, June 11th, 2026, at 7:00pm, 37737 Highway 26, Toivola, MI 49965

MARQUETTE CHAPTER: Monday, June 15th, 2026, 119 S Front Street, Marquette, MI 49855

SAGINAW CHAPTER: Tuesday, June 23rd, 2026, at 6:00 PM, 1300 W Thomas Street, Bay City, MI 48706

Our sincere condolences go to the family and friends of **Brother Douglas Burnett** (Bricklayer) who passed away on 05/20/2026. Brother Burnett had been a member for more than 26 years.

APPRENTICE HOURS PORTAL: We have moved the Apprentice Hours Portal to a new platform called WorkHands. You should have received an email or text message with an invitation to join the platform.

All monthly hours must now be submitted through the WorkHands app. After you submit your hours, they will be reviewed by your foreman or superintendent, who will complete an evaluation of your progress before forwarding them to the Training Center.

Submitting your hours monthly through WorkHands is a requirement of your apprenticeship and is necessary to stay on track for your scheduled raises. All submissions must be completed online and include detailed information about the work you performed during the month.

If you need assistance accessing the portal or help submitting your hours, resources are available online at: <https://www.michiganbricklayers.org/resources>

You may also contact Nate Nestor at (313) 467-5382 for additional support.

For more information about the Training Centers, please visit: <https://www.michiganbricklayers.org>

BAC LOCAL 2’S TRAINING CENTERS: Both of Local 2 Training Centers are open to our members. To make your appointment for your annual

RESPIRATOR FIT TEST, or for other scheduled appointments at the Warren or Lansing Training Center, please contact Nate Nestor directly at (313) 467-5382. Go to <https://www.michiganbricklayers.org>, to view the Apprenticeship and Training website and register for future 2025 training classes.

UNION DUES: Pay 9 months, get 3 free. To receive the discount, you must be current on dues. **Members will only be able to pay 2 years in advance.**

TEXTING PROGRAM: Local 2 wants to use every means possible to communicate with you. Sometimes we have time sensitive information (such as job openings, picket lines, funeral arrangements and other such communications) that would be most efficiently done via text message. You must be signed up to receive these messages. You can sign up via the following:

Text **2MI to 50607**
You’ll receive a confirmation text asking for your member number (IU#)

Respond with your six-digit IU number and you will receive Local 2 Text Messages going forward!

CRAFTWORKERS NEEDED: We need Skilled Bricklayers, Restoration workers and Caulkers in Metro Detroit. If you are available for work, or know anyone who is skilled in our crafts, contact your Field Representative on their cell phone. You can also have those who are interested call either the Warren office (586) 754-0888 or the Lansing office (517) 886-9781.

A SPEEDY RECOVERY: A speedy recovery is wished to all those who have been sick or injured. Let’s keep them all in our thoughts and prayers.

MEMBERSHIP ASSISTANCE: The IUBAC Member Assistance Program has a number of services available for free or at a discounted rate to BAC members and their families. These confidential services can be seen at <https://bacweb.org/member-service/member-assistance-program-map> and are also available via telephone at 1-833-MAP TALK (1-833-627-8255) Monday – Friday 8 am – 7 pm. These services were established and are intended to help get us through difficult life situations.

FACEBOOK: “Like” Local 2 on Facebook “Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers Union, Local 2 of Michigan.”

PENSION AND HEALTH INSURANCE INFORMATION. BAC of Michigan Health & Welfare Fund – (248) 828-6000

CALL-A-DOC – (800) 835-2362

Cement Pension & Vacation Funds – (248) 645-6550

International Pension/Annuity Fund – (888) 880-8222 or (202) 638-1996 (bacbenefits.org)

Metro Detroit Bricklayers Pension – (248) 641-4954

Michigan BAC Pension Fund (Outstate) – (248) 641-4954
Michigan BAC Vacation Fund – (248) 828-6000

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signatory commercial contractors are negatively impacting our market share. This year’s work forecast looks better than last year’s. Members working non-union will be brought up on charges and fined. Let’s work together to secure our future!!

We must stay vigilant in our efforts to promote our trade. If you are working in a crew of 5 or more, an Apprentice must be on the crew. Help out! Call the

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Hoodies have arrived in all sizes at the Union Hall. The cost is \$50 XL and smaller \$55 for 2XL, \$60 for 3XL and \$70 for 4XL. Payments can be made with cash or a check. If you live outside of the area and would like to order one, please call the hall. Additional shipping charges will be added. Baseball caps are also available. Varsity jackets are available by special order. Please contact the Union Hall for details.

The upcoming MSHA training schedule is available at www.boilermakerslocal169.org or on our Facebook page.

The cost of your T.W.I.C. card is reimbursable from the M.O.R.E. Fund. Contact the Union Hall for reimbursement.

Any member needing the services of a Notary Public can do

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Troy, MI 48068
www.middletontraining.com
248-885-8311



Heat and Frost Insulators
Local 47

Heat and Frost Insulators & Allied Workers Local 47

LANSING – The next Regular Meeting will be held on Saturday, June 13, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at Fitzgerald Park, Site 6, located at 100 Fitzgerald Park Dr., Grand Ledge, MI 48837. Please note this is a mandatory meeting for all apprentices. Following the Union Meeting, the Awards Ceremony and Lunch will begin.

Reservations are being accepted for this year's Golf Outing, which will be Saturday, July 18, 2026. If you would like to participate, please call or text the Union Office at (517) 708-0665 with the names of your team members along with whether each person would like Chicken or Steak for dinner. The cost of this year's outing is \$85 a person or \$340 per team. Please do not wait until the last minute to register, as spots fill quickly. All teams must be submitted no later than July 3.

Please make sure to call or text all starts and layoffs to the Union Office. Be sure to leave your name, the contractor name, and the start or layoff date.

To ensure all Active Members and Retirees continue receiving Robo Calls, please make sure you have not blocked the following number: (804) 441-8365. Several members currently have this number blocked and therefore are not receiving important notifications.

These calls are only used for important notifications from the Local Union Business Manager and funeral notifications. If you are not receiving these calls, please contact the Union Office so we can verify your phone number and ensure the number has not been blocked.

Please notify the Local Union Office of any phone number or home address changes. We need current member information updated throughout our system, TIC records, and with the International.

If you are a Non-Active Retiree or a Surviving Spouse and would like to continue receiving the Building Tradesman, please contact the Union Office.

Per the Rules and Procedures: Members must notify the office within 24 hours of being laid off or charges may be placed, you can do so by calling or texting the office at (517) 708-0665 with your layoff date and the name of the Contractor you were laid off from.

Members must notify the office before ANY overtime is worked.

Pension & Health Welfare: Joshua Kroell (989) 385-2671 Allied Workers' Local 47 Fringe Benefit Funds 6525 Centurion Drive Lansing, MI 48917-9275 Toll Free: (800) 323-8079 Telephone: (517) 321-7502 Email: joshkroell@insulators47.com

Joshua Kroell is available by phone to answer questions regarding Pension, Welfare, Vacation Funds, and Special Benefits.

To all Active Members: if you have not submitted your Coordination of Benefits Form, Spousal Form, or Birth Certificates for your children to TIC, no one will be covered under our insurance plan until these items are received.

Please contact TIC immediately at (800) 323-8079 and submit the required documentation as soon as possible. Coverage will be reinstated retroactively once the information has been received.

Auto and motorcycle accidents are not covered under our plan. These claims should be covered through your personal automobile insurance policy.

Members with questions regarding Pension and Welfare Funds may contact TIC Internationally (Continued next column)



Local 25
Heat and Frost Insulators

Heat & Frost Insulators 25
SOUTHFIELD – UNION MEETING: The next scheduled Membership Meeting will take place Thursday, June 11, 2026, at 6 p.m. at the Union Hall, 21353 Bridge Street, Southfield.

We will be having a \$5 per ticket 50/50 raffle, with the proceeds benefiting the Breath of Life Foundation to support research for mesothelioma, lung cancer, and other asbestos related diseases.

ANNUAL PICNIC: Heat & Frost Insulators Local 25 Annual Picnic will take place on Saturday, Aug. 1, 2026. The festivities will take place at Willow Metropark, Chestnut South Picnic Shelter, 23200 South Huron Road, New Boston, Michigan.

INSTRUCTORAPPLICATIONS: The J.A.T.C. is accepting applications for instructors. If you are interested in applying, please submit your resume to marty@heatfrostinsulators25.org. If you have any questions regarding the positions, please contact the Apprentice Coordinator, Marty Allen.

WEBSITE: Visit our updated website at www.heatfrostinsulators.org to access helpful links and additional member resources.

CONTACT UPDATE: We are now using admin@heatfrostinsulators25.org as the primary email address for all communication with the Union Hall. Please update your contact records accordingly.

REPORTING JOBS: A reward will be provided to any member that reports non-union or union mechanical installing insulation under our scope of work. Members with valid leads should contact Eloany Rodriguez at (248) 750-4992 and you will receive a \$50 gift card.

JOB STARTS: As stated in Local 25's Constitution & Bylaws Article III Section 5. Failure to report a job start will automatically result in a fine of \$50. Future failures to report a job start will result in the amount of the fine being levied left to the discretion of the President. **PLEASE** call in all job starts so we can avoid fining members.

PER CAPITA: Please be reminded that any member working 32 hours or less during a month must pay their own Per Capita of \$14.00 per month. Per Capita payments should be made on a **monthly** basis. If a member works as a traveler in another Local's jurisdiction, the member must remit double Per Capita of \$28.00. Please forward payments **monthly** to Local 25, 21353 Bridge Street, Southfield, MI 48033.

M.U.S.T. SAFETY MODULES: If you have modules expiring, contact the Union Hall to have the testing authorization activated. Please keep in mind, any modules completed outside the quarter requested in, will be paid the following quarter.

EMPLOYMENT CHANGES: All employment changes including hire, lay off, fire, shop change, disability, etc. must be called into the Union Hall within 48 hours. This includes employment changes for members, retirees, and travelers. This is the only way to guarantee you are on the out-of-work list and your employment records remain current and correct. Failure to report will result in an automatic (\$50.00) fine.

BENESYS: When calling the Fund Office, Benesys, please be sure to get the name of the representative providing you information.

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tional at the numbers listed above or visit <http://www.heatfrostlocal47benefits.org>. Please also remember to complete and return all Working Spousal Forms to TIC.

JATC Coordinator Mitchell Carpenter (616) 375-0538.

*Applications are now open for the Apprenticeship Program. Please call the Union Office or visit insulators47.com to complete an application.

*Under Duties of Apprenticeship, Section 5.3 Part L, Page 4 of the Apprenticeship Standards states: "According to the Apprenticeship Standards you are required to accurately fill out the online work report no later than ten (10) days from the end of the current work week."



Local 36
Elevator Constructors

Elevator Constructors Local 36
DETROIT – ALL MEMBERS ARE INFORMED; Our next regular membership meeting will be **June 22, 2026 at 5:30pm** at 1640 Porter Street Detroit, MI 48216. Our next Executive Board meeting will be held on **June 15, 2026, at 5pm** at the same location. Any changes to this schedule or venue will be in the Building Trades Article or sent via email.

This paper is to serve as official notice to the membership. This is how we get information out to all our members, as repetitive as it might be there is new information in each article, please read it carefully and call the hall or attend a union meeting if you have any questions.

Attention All Members
Upcoming meetings:

June 8th – Probationary Meeting at 5pm

June 15th – Executive Board meeting at 5 pm

June 22nd – General Membership meeting at 5:30pm.

We will have a special guest speaker at our June 22, 2026 meeting with DeVerna & Co Financial to go over changes to empower, importance of the Roth 401K and answer any questions regarding retirement.

Save the date: The Local 36 Annual Picnic will be July 25, 2026 at St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus Picnic Grounds, located at 11541 21 Mile Road, Shelby, Mi. 48315. More Details with follow as the date nears. Please contact Jon Bujan (586)787-1114 if you would like to volunteer.

Save the date: The Kyle Owsley Memorial Golf Outing will be held on Saturday September 26, 2026 @ Links of Novi 50395 West 10 Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48374. More details will be available soon.

Just wanted to remind everyone that we **DO NOT** provide personal identification as a condition of entering or working on a job. Please refer to the CBA Article XXII Par. 6, when your company tells you to give your license to enter a job.

The International has set up The Veteran Assistance Program to help veterans navigate the VA benefits they deserve. The email is vap@iuec.org or contact Jason Gray, IUEC National Chairman @ 404-290-1012 or Ryan Donnell, EIWPWF National Co-Chair @ 410-312-1474. Locally contact Scott Erison (Local 36 VAP Chair) (586)482-0768 or email him at sanosire1973@gmail.com or Ricky Azzopardi (Local 36 Co-Chair) (586)719-7465 or email him at rickyapardi@yahoo.com if you would like to get involved or have questions.

Local 36 website is up and running, this is still a work in progress, and we would appreciate any feedback to improve the site to work for our members and retirees. Visit www.iueclocal36detroit.org. Please be patient as we continue to improve the site. If you have any questions, contact the hall.

If you start a new job in MOD/construction, you **MUST** report those jobs to the hall!! If you are going to be working a 4/10 job in construction or MOD, it **MUST** be submitted in writing to the Local Business Representative per Article VII Par. 2A. and Article VIII(A) Par. 2A.

When starting a new job please use the website job reporting at www.iueclocal36detroit.org/job-reporting. This will help us keep track of jobs easier than just calling the hall.

If you move or your address changes, call the hall and make sure you fill out the address change form on the NEIBP website. Mail a copy to the fund office and one to the hall.

If you are going to be off with an injury (work related or non-work related), surgery or illness for a prolonged length of time, call the **fund office (800)523-4702** and inform the hall. When you are off and go back to work. The weekly Income Benefit through the international has increased to \$715 weekly after the one week waiting period.

The IUEC would like all active members and Probationary Apprentices to sign up for Safety alerts. The only thing you will receive are safety alerts, nothing political, just safety alerts. **Text (855) 957-1801 and sign up to (Continued next column)**



Michigan Painters
District Council

Painters DC 1M
WARREN – Dear Members, **DC1M WEBSITE:** www.iupatdc1michigan.org
DC 1M UNION CARDS*

Any questions regarding a lost, damaged Union cards, or have dues inquiries or have not received a card please contact the DC1M offices at:

Warren Office: (586)552-4474 extension 100
Freeland Office: (989) 695-6888

ROBERT GONZALEZ PAINTERS DISTRICT COUNCIL 1M

SMART PHONE APP. Painters District Council 1M is pleased to announce its' all new APP.

For IPHONE go to IOS store, For ANDROID got to Google Playstore
Search for "Painters and Allied Trades" download APP
Username: your member id#
Password: painters

With this APP you can access training classes, Local Union meeting times and dates, receive alerts, and communications from your Union, etc.

Local 36 cont'd
receive Safety alerts via text and email.

If you are unloading a job and you find the fishplates already attached to the rail, predrilled holes on machines/beams, door equipment already installed, or any other violation, take pictures and send them to the hall via email or text with the address of the job.

Attention All Mechanics, just a reminder to Mechanic's that passed the Mechanic's Exam **on or after July 9, 2022**, starting January 1, 2023, and each calendar year thereafter, each mechanic shall be required to successfully complete at least eight (8) hours of online continuing education from the curriculum published annually by NEIEP.

Required Mechanics (including assistant mechanics) that do not comply with the continuing education requirements shall not receive the wage rate increase until completion of the required continuing education curriculum.

Attention All Apprentices, if you are scheduled to sit for the Mechanic's exam, you must fill out your OJT's till you get your passing results. Kenny and I would like to thank all of you for keeping up on your OJT's, schooling, and commitment to your future. Check your **NEIEP** emails frequently. OJT forms need to be filled out **COMPLETELY** by the 9th day of the following month. **There is NO excuse for these to be late!**

Attention All Temporary Mechanics, your Temporary Mechanic's Agreement **MUST** be signed by the end of each month **at the Union meeting.** If you can't make the Union meeting (for good reasons) to sign your agreement, then come down to the hall **NEXT MORNING.** If we continue to have problems getting these signed, you will be called down in front of the Executive board. If you are put back to Apprentice status, **your personal tools MUST be taken off the job, out of your vehicle and notify the hall.**

Attention All Retirees, if you requested an Honorary Card and have not received it, please contact the Hall.

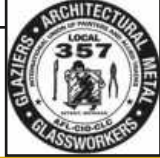
If you are NOT receiving my emails, contact the Hall so I can put you on the email list. We would like to wish everyone a safe and Happy Memorial Day Weekend and a speedy recovery for the Brothers and Sisters on our sick and injured list.

GET INVOLVED AND PARTICIPATE IN YOUR UNION!

OUT OF WORK/ BACK TO WORK: To keep work placement efficient, please notify the office when you are laid off or going back to work.

Warren office# is 586-552-4474 or Freeland office# is 989-695-6888. New job starts should be reported to the Union office, please do so.

Get involved. Work smart. Work safe.



Glaziers & Glassworkers
Local 357

Glaziers & Glassworkers Local 357

WARREN – Our next regular scheduled union meeting will be on Monday, June 1, at 5pm. Please make it a priority to attend.

We still have several local 357 members currently laid off. Please make every effort to make sure your certifications are up to date. This will help get you back to work.

This years annual STAR safety picnic will be held September 19th at the Warren District Council. In order to be eligible to come, you must be an active working member in good standing, with at least 8 hours of upgrade training, and zero work related injuries.

The IUPAT pension has updated the pension website. There is new information that could be helpful. Iupatpension.org

The IUPAT has a new app that you can download. It's called IUPAT Mobile Member Portal. You can find this in the app store, and it is a free app. Once you download this app, you will need your union member id to log in. You can find your member ID printed on your quarterly union card. Once you log into this app it's a helpful tool to track your hours worked, and it also has a digital copy of your union card.

Keep your working status current; this helps protect your benefits. If you have a mailing address and/or telephone number change, please notify the Union and Fund Offices of the changes.

Dues payments may be mailed to the Union Office at 14587 Barber Avenue, Warren, MI 48088. Make checks payable to: **DISTRICT COUNCIL 1M** in care of Glassworkers #357.

When traveling to work out of town, all members are reminded that they must check in with the local that you are working in as per the International Constitution and our local C.B.A.

The Fund Office address is Michigan Glass and Glazing Joint Funds, P.O. Box 966, Troy, MI 48098-066; phone number: 248-641-4957; fax 248-813-9898.

If you are in need of safety modules, please contact your employer if you are employed or the union office @ 586-552-4478, if you're not. Any questions call the hall or call the Council @ 586-552-4474. Participation is very important to keep our union strong, so try to make it to a meeting.

– **Business Rep. Don Stepp**

"Courage and perseverance have a magical talisman, before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish into air."

–John Quincy Adams (1767 - 1848)

"Procrastination is the art of keeping up with yesterday."

–Don Marquis (1878 - 1937)



District Council 1M

Business Manager: Robert Gonzalez

Meeting date: 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m., with the Executive Board meeting at 6 p.m.

Place: 14587 Barber Ave, Warren MI 48088 & 419 S. Washington Ave, Lansing MI 48933

Local Union 514

Business Rep: Scott Mikulen
Meeting dates: 1st Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m.

Place: 7920 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor, MI.

Web site: www.iupat-local514.org.

Local Union 826

Business Rep: Rocky Ackerman
Meeting date: 2nd Thursday of every month at 5:30 p.m.

Place: 3115 Joyce St. Burton, MI 48529

Local Union 845

Business Rep – Ed Bracamontes

Meeting date: 1st Thursday of every month at 7 p.m.

Place: 419 S. Washington Avenue, Lansing, MI 48933

Local Union 1052

Business Rep – Jake Fluty
Meeting date: The Fourth Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m.

Place: 3115 Joyce St., Burton MI 48529

Local Union 1803

Business Rep: Josh Ovalle

Meeting date: 4th Tuesday of every month at 5:30 p.m.

Place: 7677 Midland Road, Freeland, MI 48623.

Local Union 2352

Business Rep: Jeremy Haviland

Meeting Date: 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m.

Place: District Council 1M, 14587 Barber Ave., Warren, MI.

Local Union 2353

Business Rep: Tony Parker

Meeting date: 3rd Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m.

Place: District Council 1M, 14587 Barber Ave, Warren, MI.

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WARREN – The next General Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 2, at 6:00 p.m. Trustees and union stewards meet at 5:45 p.m.

Members must be in good standing (dues up to date) with district council 1 app or receipt of paid dues to attend meeting

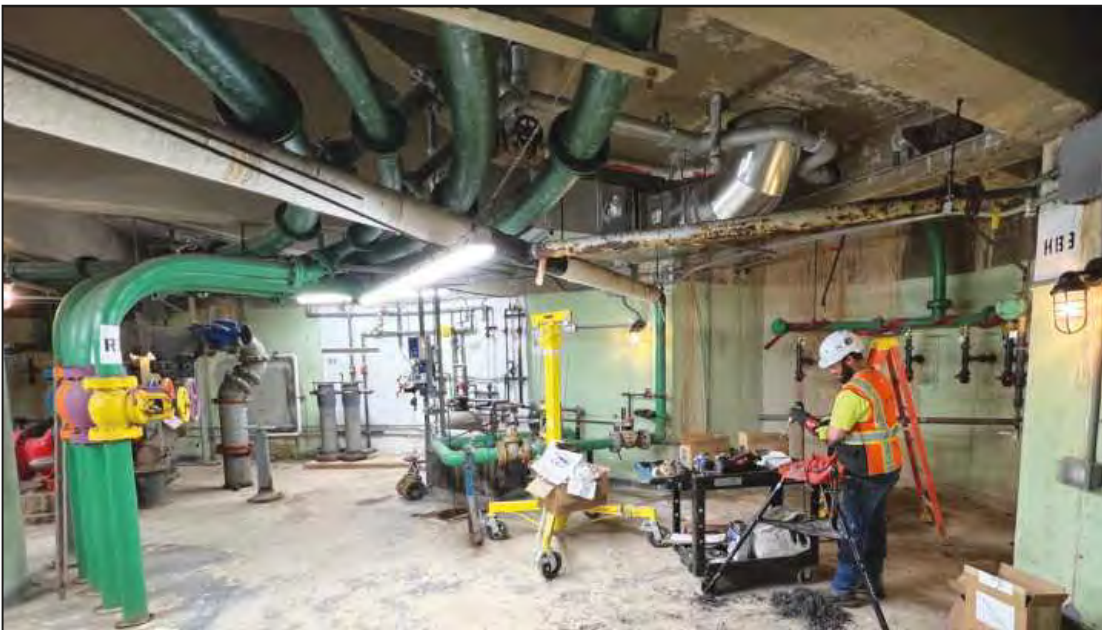
Anyone possessing a union membership and willingly works at a nonunion shop doing union work can have charges preferred against them under Sec. 16.4 and 19.8 of the District Council By-laws

Questions pertaining to Local 591 Pension Fund issues call 248-645-6550 and/or Health Care issues call 248-358-3340 or 800-482-8736 which will then be answered directly through fund office.

OUT OF WORK: BACK TO WORK: procedure for out of and back to work: When laid off or going back to work, call the office. 586-552-4474

"Small opportunities are often the beginning of great enterprises."

–Demosthenes (384 BC - 322 BC)



AT WORK IN THE BASEMENT of the James Scott Memorial Fountain on Belle Isle at left is Kevin Shepherd of Plumbers Local 98. Employed by Progressive Mechanical, Shepherd said the pipes, valves, pumps and controls for the fountain are a mixture of old and new, reflecting the numerous projects performed over the years to maintain the water works.

SETTING UP A TRIMBLE Total Station for laying out pipe at the Scott Fountain in Detroit is Plumbers Local 98 apprentice Jalief Thomas. He's employed by Progressive Mechanical.

Photo courtesy of Kevin Shepherd



Majestic Scott Fountain gets makeover, both inside and out

(Continued from Page 1) disassembled the fountain. We're replacing electrical and plumbing systems. It is a beautiful fountain, but over the years it's been out here, just exposed to the elements. Minimal water infiltration can cause a significant impact on the structure."

Constructed of white Vermont marble, the diameter of the fountain's lower bowl is 510 feet. The structure is 38 feet tall and its central water column spouts about 125 feet in the air.

The fountain also has 109 water outlets in the shape of dolphins, turtles, lions and human figures.

The fountain is the most prominent part of the landscape in its spot on the southwest end of Belle Isle, closest to downtown Detroit. For decades the fountain has been a destination for Belle Isle visitors, and the subject or backdrop for countless family, graduation and tourist photos.

While there's a lot going on above ground with the fountain's complex marble basins and fixtures,

as well as pipes and drains, there's plenty of complexity below, too. An entire level under the fountain includes a water intake, three pumps, feeder pipe, drains, and electric equipment powering the fountain's pumps and lights. The space underground has been unheated, and Martinez said a new air intake system will help relieve some of the high humidity that's present in the warmer months.

Over the decades the fountain has been in and out of service. It is currently out of service for the duration of this project. In 2006 we featured a general cleaning and significant rehabilitation project of the fountain's joints and seams led by Bricklayers and Allied Craftworker masons employed by Chezcore. At the time electricians and plumbers also rehabilitated the fountain's three pumps and associated wiring. More plumbing work and stone cleaning was performed in 2014. Christman was not involved in either project.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources, which oversees operations on Belle Isle, provided an outline of this Scott Fountain project when it kicked off in May 2025, in the structure's 100th anniversary year.

"To ensure the basin's structural integrity and protect the underlying mechanical room, the renovation project will involve installing new concrete beams and replacing the underlying fountain plumbing," the Michigan DNR said.

Said Thomas Bissett, urban district supervisor for the DNR Parks and Recreation Division: "Results of the concrete core samples taken from the lower bowl showed the basin structure needed to be addressed. Additionally, a watertight seal and marble elements around the lower bowl will help prevent water infiltration to subgrade

operational space."

The DNR said the money to rehabilitate the fountain comes via an allocation from the 2021 federal American Rescue Plan. The DNR said other money from that source will help "tackle a decades-long backlog of infrastructure and rehabilitation projects" in state parks and trails.

"This investment, made possible by American Rescue Plan funds, will ensure the long-term preservation of an iconic feature in Belle Isle Park," said Ron Olson, DNR Parks and Recreation chief.

Maintenance of the fountain has come in cycles, and this latest effort involves extensive work on the plumbing, a task being led by Progressive Mechanical Foreman Kevin Shepherd of Plumbers Local 98.

Working with apprentice Jalief Thomas, Shepherd said their scope of work includes plumbing in the lower bowl of the fountain and below: replacing old valves, re-working the water supply system all the way to the mouths of the decorative turtles and other features, replacing water lines and adding new overflow drains.

"The system wasn't really operational when we got on site," Sheperd said. "We valved off everything to get done what we need to do. We haven't found

anything leaking. A lot of it is just old."

He said he can only speculate exactly what existing plumbing materials might be original to the fountain, but some of the older fittings include brass pipes feeding the turtles and galvanized drain lines. Both are getting PVC replacements.

The toughest part of the job so far, Shepherd said, has been drilling 28 holes through three-foot-thick walls to allow passage of new water supply pipe to feed features on the fountain.

Looking around at all the one-of-kind pipe work in the fountain's basement, Shepherd said, "this is a cool project to be a part of. I'm looking forward to bringing my family down here when it's complete and telling them I had a role in restoring it."



MOVING SCAFFOLDING at the Belle Isle Aquarium project in Detroit is Wayne Marr of Michigan Painters District Council Local 1052. He's employed by Murray Painting.

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Outdoors

Ospreys: a hawk to look up to



(From the Michigan DNR)
Help observe osprey nests – they're built in surprising spots!

Once you know where ospreys like to build their giant nests, you won't be able to stop looking for them.

Ospreys are long-lived birds (averaging 15-20 years), and pairs usually return to the same nest and add to it each year. Made of sticks and lined with grasses, mud and soft materials, nests can reach 10-13 feet deep and 3-6 feet in diameter after years of building.

Historically, ospreys nested only on cliffs, at the tops of tall trees or on "snags" – dead trees that are still standing. But due to humans removing or disturbing these important habitat elements, ospreys have adapted to build nests on human-built structures like utility poles, towers and platforms.

They seem to especially like cell towers. In 2024 and 2025, Adopt-A-Nest community scientists conducted 238 osprey nest check surveys in 22 Michigan counties and found that 56 percent of the nests observed were built in cell towers.

In fact, over 97 percent of the observations in this study period were of nests created on human-built structures. Nests were also found on pole platforms, electric poles, high tension towers, light poles, snags, telephone poles and water towers. Ospreys eat fish, so their favorite nesting sites are near rivers, lakes and wetlands.

"Once you know that ospreys might be nesting in tall structures all around you, it's hard to keep your eyes out of the sky," said Michigan Department of Natural Resources wildlife biologist Kara Colton. "These resilient raptors are amazing to witness, and every observation becomes part of their conservation story. Are you hooked yet? We hope you'll volunteer to adopt an osprey nest!"

Volunteer to observe nests near you.

The Osprey Adopt-A-Nest program was started by MI Birds, a partnership between Audubon Great Lakes and the DNR. In 2022, the Michigan Natural Fea-



A PAIR OF OSPREYS tend to offspring in their nest, observed by Larry Burdick, Adopt-A-Nest community scientist. Surveying the reproductive success of osprey nesting pairs provides valuable insight into the current distribution and health of populations across Michigan

tures Inventory stepped in to help support this important data collection effort long-term. This work is only possible with the help of Adopt-A-Nest volunteers who monitor osprey nests and track the reproductive success of nesting pairs throughout Michigan.

To sign up to volunteer, contact MNFI at mnfi@msu.edu and indicate the county where you would like to observe. Volunteers need to visit a nest three times, for 30 minutes each visit, in spring through late summer. A pair of binoculars is the only tool needed for most observations, though a spotting scope is helpful for monitoring cell tower nests.

Volunteers use an online form to report observations, including location information, whether a nest is occupied by a nesting pair of ospreys and, if so, whether they are successfully raising chicks.

In southern Michigan, May through July is the most active period for osprey nesting; in northern Michigan, it's June through August. By late summer, young ospreys develop feathers (called "fledging") that are large enough for flight. The birds then

migrate south in the fall.

Ospreys (Pandion haliaetus) are large, 22- to 25-inch hawks with long, narrow wings, with dark brown feathers above and white feathers below. The osprey is a species of special concern in Michigan.

Ospreys are an indicator species for monitoring the long-term health of large rivers and other water bodies. They depend on fish as their main food source and are highly sensitive to contaminants. According to the International Osprey Foundation, "The osprey is considered a sentinel species, alerting us to the changing environmental conditions in the ecosystem they inhabit, and share with us, their neighbors."

Historically, ospreys lived all over Michigan, but in the 1940s they were wiped out in the southern Lower Peninsula due to indiscriminate shooting and contaminants like the pesticide DDT. After Michigan banned DDT in 1969 (the first state to do so) osprey populations recovered well in the north, but not as well in southern Michigan.

Today, ospreys are back in southern Michigan, but there are

still twice as many ospreys in the northern Lower Peninsula and three times as many in the Upper Peninsula.

"Surveying the reproductive success of osprey nesting pairs provides valuable insight into the distribution and health of populations across Michigan," said Michigan Natural Features Inventory zoologist David Cuthrell. "Data from these surveys can help scientists learn how to better aid ospreys in their recovery from previous near extirpation. It also helps us understand the overall health of the environments where they live."

MDNR photo



ANGLER WITH a big fish: Sedrick Neinhuis holding the state-record gizzard shad he caught April 22 in the Grand River (Kent Co.).

MDNR-provided photo

New state-record gizzard shad caught in the Grand River

(From the Michigan DNR)

An angler from Lowell, Mich., caught a new state-record fish: a gizzard shad that weighed 4.45 pounds, measuring 20.3 inches long.

Sedrick Neinhuis was spincasting on the Grand River in Kent County on the afternoon of Wednesday, April 22, when he brought in the record-breaker.

This fish beats the previous state-record gizzard shad, which was 4.12 pounds and 21 inches, caught by baitcasting in 1996 on Lake St. Clair (St. Clair County).

Gizzard shad are a fish native to Michigan and are named for their gizzard, a muscular organ filled with grit and stones that helps to break down food. It's a characteristic more commonly associated with birds like chickens than with fish.

DNR fisheries biologist Matt Diana, who works out of Plainwell in the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' Southern Lake Michigan Fisheries Management Unit, verified Neinhuis' new state-record fish.

"We kind of knew the fish was there," said Neinhuis of that day on the water. "Our mission this year was to get one close to 5 pounds. There are a lot of big ones out there, but it's one of those fish people don't ever report. I'm hoping next year we can get one even bigger."

About state-record fish. Michigan's state-record fish are recognized by weight only. To qualify, fish must exceed the current listed state-record weight and be weighed on a certified commercial scale, and identification must be verified by a DNR fisheries biologist.

'Tis the season for stocking fish

(From the Michigan DNR)

Fish stocking trucks are hitting the road!

It's a busy season: This time of year, Michigan Department of Natural Resources fish stocking trucks are releasing their prized cargo – trout, salmon, muskie and walleye – at hundreds of lakes and streams statewide.

The DNR accomplishes this work by rearing fish at its six fish production facilities located throughout the state, along with

other cooperative rearing facilities, and by maintaining a fleet of 18 specialized fish stocking vehicles.

More than 20 million fish (weighing more than 350 tons) are stocked by the DNR annually. Species stocked include steelhead; Atlantic, Chinook and coho salmon; splake (a hybrid of brook and lake trout) and brown, brook, lake and rainbow trout; muskellunge and walleye.

Beginning in mid-March and ending in early June, the DNR fish stocking trucks will travel well over 100,000 miles to stock more than a thousand locations.

Some of the many fish stocked will be salmon that have been implanted with a coded-wire tag or are otherwise marked or tagged. These tags provide useful information on the fishery to fisheries managers.

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